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## GERMAN INVASION OF BULGARIA REPORTED

### BERLIN SILENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports from Sofia state that 12,000 German troops have invaded Bulgaria from the Dobrudja district of Rumania. All efforts to obtain confirmation by contacting Sofia on the telephone from Berlin failed.

It is stated that the German troops entered Bulgaria over one of the Danube River bridges in South Dobrudja.

A Belgrade despatch states that the troops entered Bulgaria from two places and that the crossing began at midnight.

It is believed that 120,000 other German troops will march on Bulgaria from several points through Rumania.

#### Berlin Denies Knowledge

Berlin authoritative quarters disclaim all knowledge of the alleged reports that German troops have invaded Bulgaria from Rumania or that German staff officers in civilian clothes are in Bulgaria.

These quarters point out, however, that British agents have been arrested in Sofia and indicated that Britain intended to sabotage relations between Germany and Bulgaria.—International News Service.

### HUGE U.S. DEFENCE OUTLAY

An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy, is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa.

THE NAVY SHARE OF THIS EXPENDITURE—\$838,000,000—ALSO COVERS THE INITIAL COST OF CONSTRUCTING 400 SUBMARINE CHASERS AND OTHER SMALL CRAFT AND WILL ENABLE THE DELIVERY BY THE END OF 1943 OF 55 MORE DESTROYERS THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

Bulk of the Army's \$695,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonments and other housing projects.—Reuter.

### Vanguard Of 12,000 Mentioned: No Confirmation

A MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK FROM BELGRADE LAST NIGHT STATED THAT 12,000 GERMAN MOTORISED TROOPS INVADED BULGARIA ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

### FRENCH UNDER JAP PRESSURE

The French Government is still hesitating to make its attitude clear on the Japanese compromise proposal for settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute, stated Japanese observers in Tokyo last night.

It was added that the Japanese Government is not only keeping a close eye on any interference by third powers but is determined, pending a French reply, to take appropriate steps for the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia.

While official circles declined to say whether the compromise

A report from Sofia said the troops crossed the Danube in the region near Chernavoda.

There is no authoritative confirmation yet although all information indicates that German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are far advanced.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the Commons yesterday when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

#### Bulgaria Warned ?

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed

was a final or a tentative offer, the observers stated they believed it was final.

THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED WITH THE STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH THAILAND AND FRANCE WOULD MAKE THEIR REPLIES BEFORE SATURDAY.—REUTER.

### MR. EDEN'S TALKS IN TURKEY

THE CALLS WHICH Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill paid yesterday afternoon in Ankara were mainly for the purpose of making contacts.

The statesmen and generals will begin the real business to-day when they review the position of the Balkans and the Mediterranean as it affects Britain and Turkey.

The close contact which the British Ambassador has maintained with Dr. Satagolu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, the recent visit of a British military mission and their discussions with the Turkish General Staff, had prepared the ground.

Mr. Eden will not so much initiate talks as carry on the discussions which have been pro-

ceeding for some time. The visit of the British Foreign Secretary and the Chief of Imperial General Staff is causing considerable concern among the German colony in Ankara.

The Germans are declaring that Britain is attempting to put pressure on the Turks but this assertion is denied in the Turkish press.—Reuter.

### TARANTO SUCCESS CONFIRMED

Damage done to the Italian fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto, as announced by the Admiralty, has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class has apparently been abandoned as a total loss.

Another vessel of this class and a Vittoria class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action.

There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by an aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or regarding two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water.—Reuter.

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# Imperial Forces Closing In On All East African Fronts

## MATSUOKA OFFER TO MOSCOW

Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of the Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier, Rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and

Modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth (which ended the Russo-Japanese War in 1904) placing Japanese economic privileges on Saghalien and fishing rights in Soviet waters on a purely commercial basis.

The correspondent emphasises the significance of Japanese circles canvassing a pact involving unilateral concessions from Japan to Russia.

He adds that these suggestions seem to imply a postponement of Japanese southward expansion making that expansion subordinate to an agreement with the Soviet. — Reuter.

## EASTERN GROUP SUPPLIES

At question time in the Indian Assembly yesterday the Government spokesman said the newly appointed Eastern Group Supply Council, formed as a result of the Eastern Group Conference, would broadly speaking receive demand for supplies from overseas forces and governments of the Eastern Group countries and have them met, if possible, within the Eastern Group.

The Council would work through the governments of the various countries concerned. Its decisions were not mandatory to the Government of India nor would they be placed before the Assembly for discussion in case they were accepted by the Government of India. — Reuter.

## Pincer Operations Against Keren Make Good Progress

### AUSTRALIA BUILDING MERCHANTMEN

Senator McBride, Australian Minister of Supply, announced in Sydney yesterday that the Federal Government would begin immediately the building of merchant ships. — Reuter.

### RUSSIA AND RUMANIA TALK TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND RUMANIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING DURING THE PAST YEAR, ENDED YESTERDAY WITH THE SIGNING OF A TRADE AND SHIPPING AGREEMENT AND AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING GOODS AND PAYMENTS.

This is according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

An exchange of goods to the value of \$8,000,000 is to be seen in the first treaty year.

Rumania will deliver chiefly naptha and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese. — Reuter.

### TEA QUOTA CUT

The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2½ per cent to 90 per cent for the next control year ending March 31, 1942, says Reuter from London.

FURTHER PROGRESS by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself local activity continues.

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area and further south are causing the evacuation of more Italian forts.

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops on Tuesday captured Brava, from which point our advance is again continuing.

"In the Gelib area prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 886 colonial troops."

A South African formation captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth and made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

### Night March In Desert

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by a Gold Coast regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communications between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

The Gold Coast brigade which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across the Juba, completed the operation and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000, while in addition many enemy who escaped to the bush are now retreating and surrendering.

### Waving White Flags

An aeroplane reported that the enemy, retreating along the beach

## MERELY AT BEGINNING OF TASK

Devastation in Britain is much less than the world has been led to believe, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking in London yesterday.

The Germans would never win the war by knocking over houses, he added. They could not win till they had knocked over the spirit of the British people.

The Empire was merely at the beginning of the task facing it, but Mr. Menzies expressed satisfaction at the Australian war effort.

Over 400,000 people were producing munitions and there would be nearly 600,000 before the end of the year.

Altogether 75 firms were making machine-tools compared with five at the outbreak of war.

### At Peak

Aircraft production was so successful that Australia proposed to export elementary training machines to other Dominions by the middle of the year. They were also producing other types.

Achievements in the next 12 months would be three times that of the past year. Australia's contribution to victory would be at the peak when most needed. — Reuter.

## SOMALILAND CAPITAL FALLS: MAJOR STROKE

"ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS of miles of valueless and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardafui, capture of the capital of Italian Somaliland is a major stroke in the coastal offensive," runs a cable received in London from Nairobi last night.

It continues: "From Mogadiscio two all-weather roads, considered equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run one northwards towards the Djibouti railway and Hafar and the other westwards to Lugh.

"The final collapse of the Juba front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defensive in the face of mobile forces.

"By a series of rapid feints the defenders were bewildered and pontoons easily countered the value of bridgeheads.

"News that the enemy was across the river against all expectation and was making mushroom inroads into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale.

"All forces share the glory of the success.

"The King's African Rifles captured Liboe, Afmadu and Kismayu and cut off the Gelib garrison from Brava.

### Garrison Captured

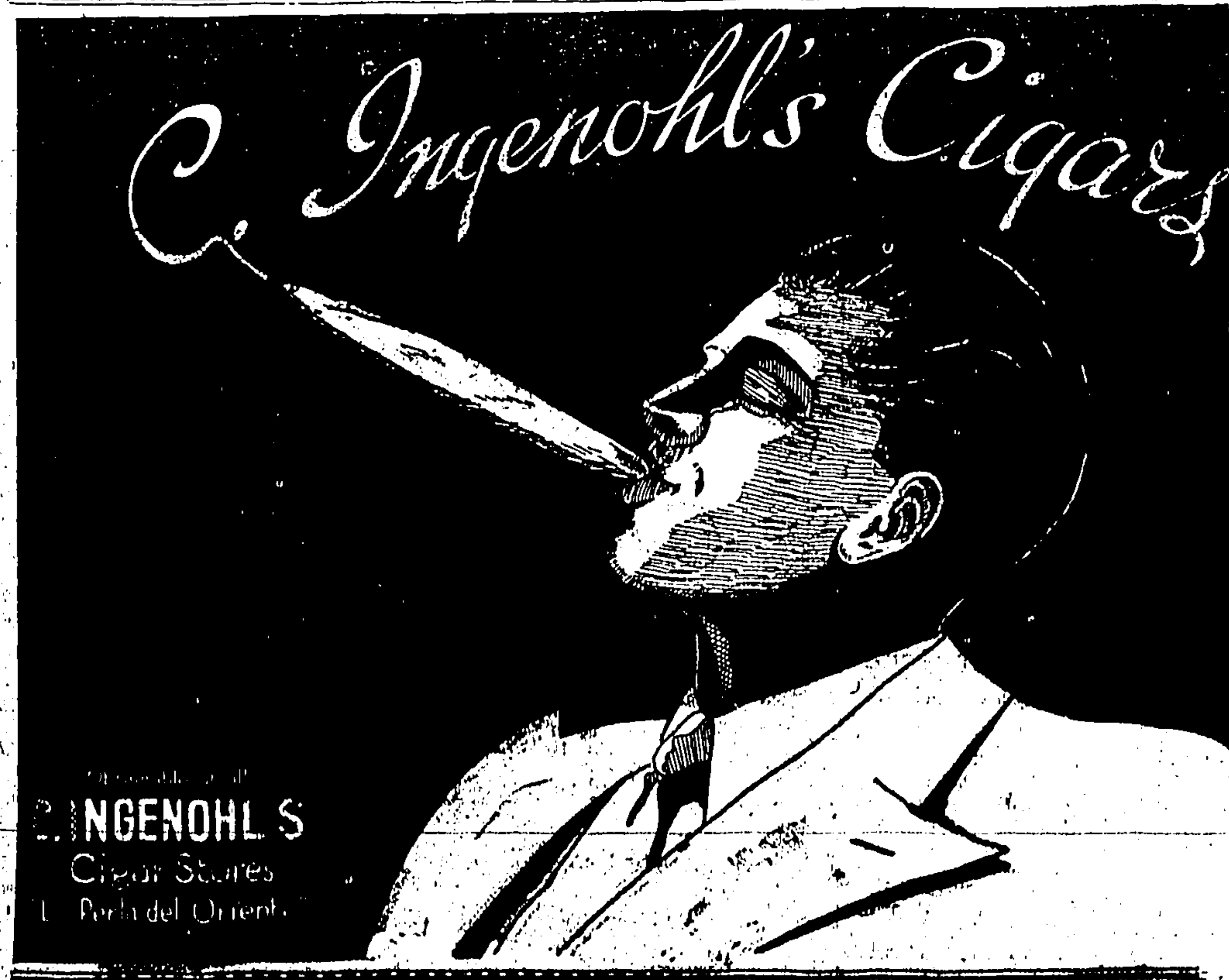
"The Gold Coast Regiment captured Bulo Erillo and forced the Juba River at Taveta Island, capturing Brava and cutting off Gelib from the north.

"South Africans captured Gobwen, Jumbo and Gelib with its garrison, while East Africans and West Africans shared in the taking of the capital." — Reuter.

## NAZI NAVAL MAN KILLED

ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN U-BOAT COMMANDERS OF THE LAST WAR, VICE-ADMIRAL LOTHAR DE LA PERRIERE, A GERMAN NAVAL COMMANDER FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORY, MET WITH A FATAL ACCIDENT ON MONDAY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Grand Fleet, yesterday paid a warm tribute to the dead man, whom he declared "was honoured by friend and foe alike." — Reuter.





# INVASION NOW LESS IMMINENT

View Of America's Chief Of General Staff

## Admiral Stark And Willkie Scheme

INVASION IS LESS IMMINENT THAN A YEAR AGO, IN THE OPINION OF GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, UNITED STATES CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF.

This, and other views on the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy, were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative.

He worked on the basis of returning ready at the earliest possible moment.

### Favourable Speed

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at a "very favourable speed."

Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that the transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by Mr. Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment, but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do to-morrow or the next day under present world conditions."

"Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material," Reuter.

## BOSPHORUS BLAZE MYSTERY

A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus, was reported in an Istanbul telegram to the Stefani agency in Rome yesterday.

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats.

It was only after prolonged efforts that firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened Reuter.

## BRITISH PLEA TO U.S.

To the Association of American Colleges, has come the plea of a British educator that America's "hearts, souls, and brains" be strongly anti-isolationist.

Speaking before the Association's twenty-seventh annual meeting Reinhold Schairer, head of the Department of International Studies and Relations of the University of London's Institute of Education, predicted that 20,000,000 youths will be unemployed in Europe "after the collapse of Hitler."

"The miracle of British courage is the work of British education," he said, which during the last 100 years "has emerged from a period of rather dull decline towards a new splendid spiritual renaissance."

Henry R. Luce, Chairman of Time, Inc., publishers of Time, Life and Fortune Magazines, told the Association that "this must to a significant degree be an American century if the world is to come to life in any nobility of health and vigour."

## STRAITS PUBLIC SUBSCRIBES FIVE MILLIONS

A total of Straits \$5,000,000 was reached yesterday by the publicly subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F., says Reuter.

## GERMAN ADVISER TALE AGAIN

A contingent of over 80 German and Italian military advisers has arrived at Hainan Island, off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports in Shanghai.

It is stated they are being organised into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports allege that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft-carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongkin Bay and adjoining islands.

Ninety thousand fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan. - Reuter.

## SWEDISH DEFENCE BUDGET

The Swedish Parliament yesterday adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93,000,000 kronor for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs. - Reuter.

## VIGOROUS BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST RUMANIAN PERFIDY

BRITAIN HAS ENTERED a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons yesterday when he characterised the action as a violation of international law.

On January 31, he added, the competent Rumanian authorities informed the Chilean Legation who were in charge of Polish interests, in Rumania, that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest.

Only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss.

### Would Not Forget

Sir Reginald Hoare, our Minister, immediately expressed the strongest disapproval of this attitude.

Subsequently, on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

### Delayed, But -

When the British Minister left Bucharest it was understood that the Rumanian Government had, at least temporarily, delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Sir William Davison (Cons. South Kensington) declared there would be warm satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest. - Reuter.

## HOPE OF END TO INDIA POLITICAL DEADLOCK

THE HOPE THAT in a very short time the political deadlock would be resolved and that, with India's willing support, Britain would promptly defeat her enemies, was expressed by the general secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, premier Hindu communal organisation and counterpart of the Muslim League, speaking in Madras yesterday.

## CAUTIOUS MR. HULL

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State in the United States Cabinet, is known far and wide as an extremely cautious speaker. Striving always for scientific accuracy, he so qualifies every statement that he is the despair of reporters in press conferences. His extreme care in statement is best exemplified by this tale told of him: -

One day he was riding on a train, when a friend pointed out of the window to a fine flock of sheep grazing in a field.

"Look. Those sheep have been

The secretary, who is having discussions with a number of leading politicians, declared the Mahasabha had already decided to take advantage of the situation and help in the militarisation and industrialisation of India.

Therefore it felt at one with the British Government in the matter of the defence of India. The Mahasabha all over the country had been ordered to speed up Hindu militarisation boards and take up the work in right earnest.

Intensive propaganda would be carried out to support the recruitment of Hindu youths for the army, navy, air force, also to maintain contact with recruiting officers. - Reuter.

"sheared," said the friend. "Hull studied the sheep. 'Sheared on this side, anyway,' he admitted."

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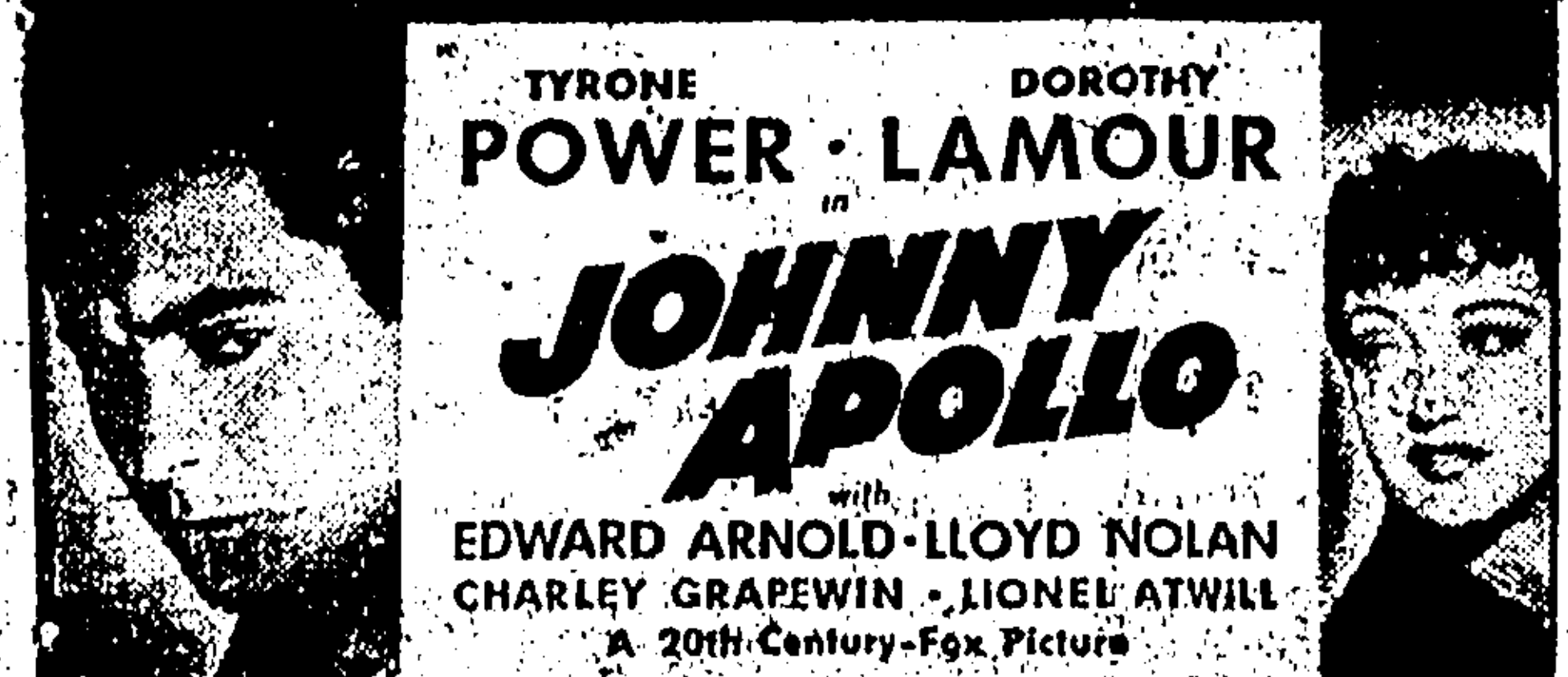
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# BURMA RD. BOMBING: LIKE WATER ON A DUCK'S BACK

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Lashio)

**AIR ATTACK CAN NEVER SERIOUSLY IMPEDE THE STEADY FLOW OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE BURMA ROAD. THAT IS THE CONCLUSION I HAVE REACHED AFTER A 10-DAY TRIP ALONG THE ROAD IN A CONVOY OF 10 LORRIES.**

It has been damaged by Japanese bombs but a ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily, and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on empty petrol drums and is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry.

The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks.

Even if this simple ferry were damaged, another could speedily be prepared.

## Effective System

The Burma road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslide and flood but the Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past 12 months, and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady flow of traffic.

## 160 Trucks Daily

When the road was first reopened about 40 trucks daily left Burma for China, carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey, but by the middle of January 160 trucks went through daily, carrying 150 tons.

The completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.—Reuter.

## MARCHING BY SIDE OF BRITAIN

The Palestine Arab newspaper "Touqan" wrote yesterday that the Arab shares with the sons of Britain feelings regarding political facts and issues.

The Arab observes that the policy of the dictator powers is based on despotism and tyranny and notices that British policy is founded on mutual respect and striving to help weak nations to rise and prosper.

Arabs are well aware that nationalism can neither grow nor exist under a dictatorial regime, where thoughts and actions are permeated with the idea of racial superiority, driving them to annihilate nationalism.

Arabs feel it is in their interest to march side by side with Britain in this war, offering all help available in the glorious struggle, bearing in mind that Democracy is consistent with the principles of the Arabs and Islam.—Reuter.

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## LOYALS EMBRACE MOUSTACHE RAISING

More than 30 per cent. of the officers and men of the Loyal Regiment in Singapore (the Battalion was in Shanghai previously) are beginning to look fierce. They are responding to a wish by their commanding officer, Lieut. Col. M. Elrington, that "all ranks shall cease to shave the upper lip."

The morning shave at Gillman Barracks has been accompanied by closer looks into the mirror for everybody competed for the prize offered by the commanding officer to the best-looking moustache grown by a certain date.

The task of tackling a moustache tickled the troops. They responded wholeheartedly to the wish of their commanding officer.

Some are beginning to look like Hitler — only a little kinder.

One private declared proudly. "Yes, I'm beginning to get one now — it's not much to look at, admittedly, but it's growing and competing for that prize."

"Oh," he went on, "you should see the Drum-Major's. It's a beauty."

Officers are setting an example to the men, and some have reared either trim or bushy affairs.

The subalterns took extra care over their moustaches too, for the adjutant of the regiment offered a prize for the best exhibit among them.—Reuter.

## LONDON BOY'S HEROISM

"I am all right; never mind me: save my daddy," pleaded a 12-year-old boy while rescue workers were tunnelling under his bomb-wrecked home to free him, writes a London reporter.

The boy, Leonard Price, who had been sleeping under the dining-room table, was rescued unhurt.

He had been buried for an hour and a half.

As soon as he was got out Leonard helped the rescue squad to locate his father, and removed some of the debris.

The father was found dead under the fallen masonry.

Mrs. Price was sleeping in an Anderson shelter, and escaped injury.

Several other people, including a Home Guard, whose houses were demolished, lost their lives.

"I have never seen a boy with so much courage as Leonard," a warden told the reporter.

"We did not realise that anyone was trapped in the house until we heard his cries for help."

"We thought they were all in a shelter in the garden."

## Saved By A Table

A kitchen table saved the life of Mrs. R. Goody when her South-West London home collapsed under a bomb explosion.

"She was asleep under the table when the house was completely destroyed by blast," Mrs. Goody's daughter-in-law later told a reporter.

"The table acted as a shelter and supported the whole weight of the wreckage so that she wasn't even injured."

"A neighbour helped her to burrow her way out. He pulled the rafters away from the top while she pushed from below. Between them they made a sort of tunnel through which she crawled to safety."

The bomb—a heavy one—killed two people, injured others, and severely damaged a number of houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were bombed out of their home into which they had moved only a few hours before.

Salvage squads dug out people buried among wreckage.

Seventeen-year-old Eric Evans was pinned to his bed by fallen rafters and buried under two feet of dust and debris.

"He was unconscious when we got him out," said one of the rescuers, "but we managed to revive him, and he is all right."

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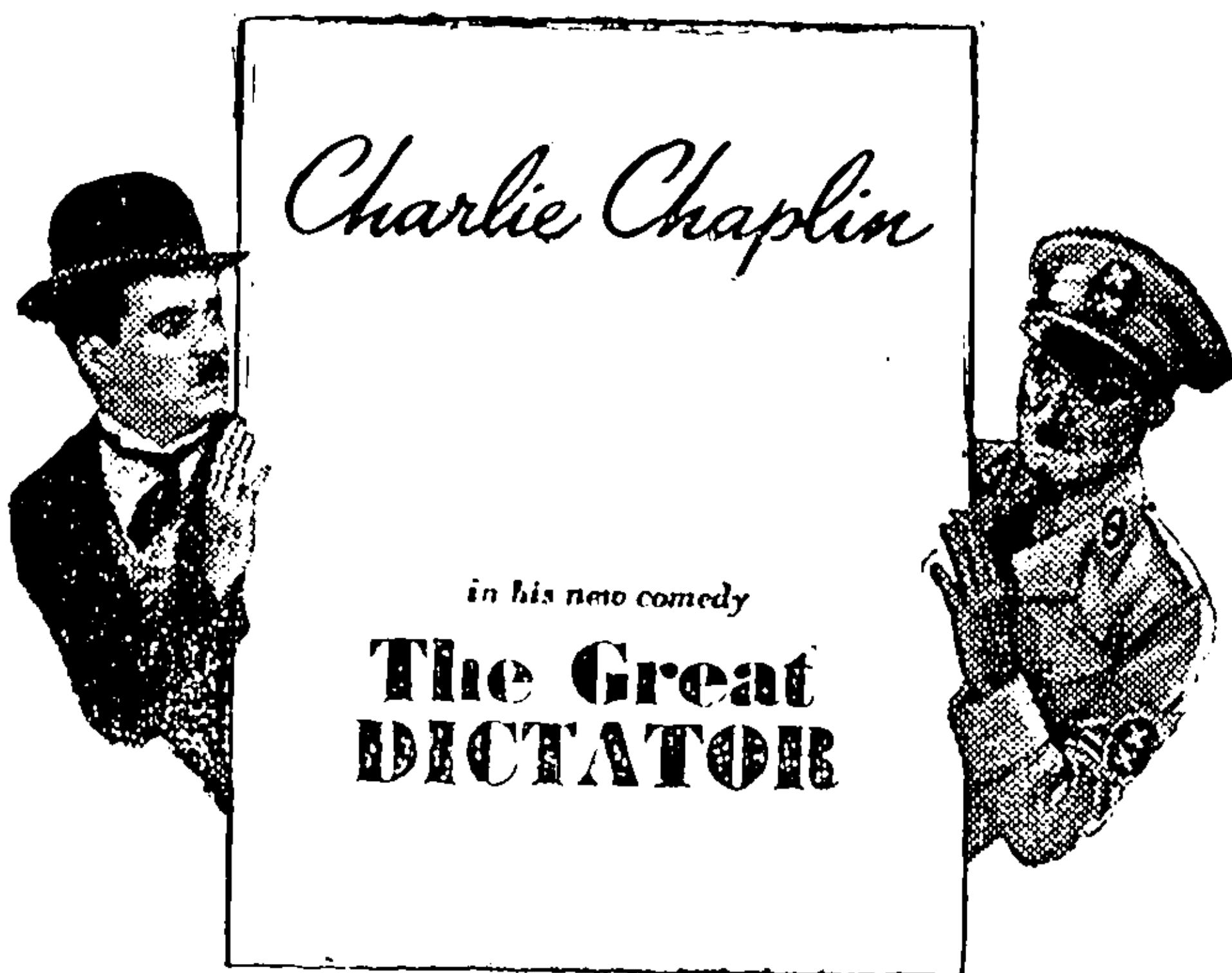
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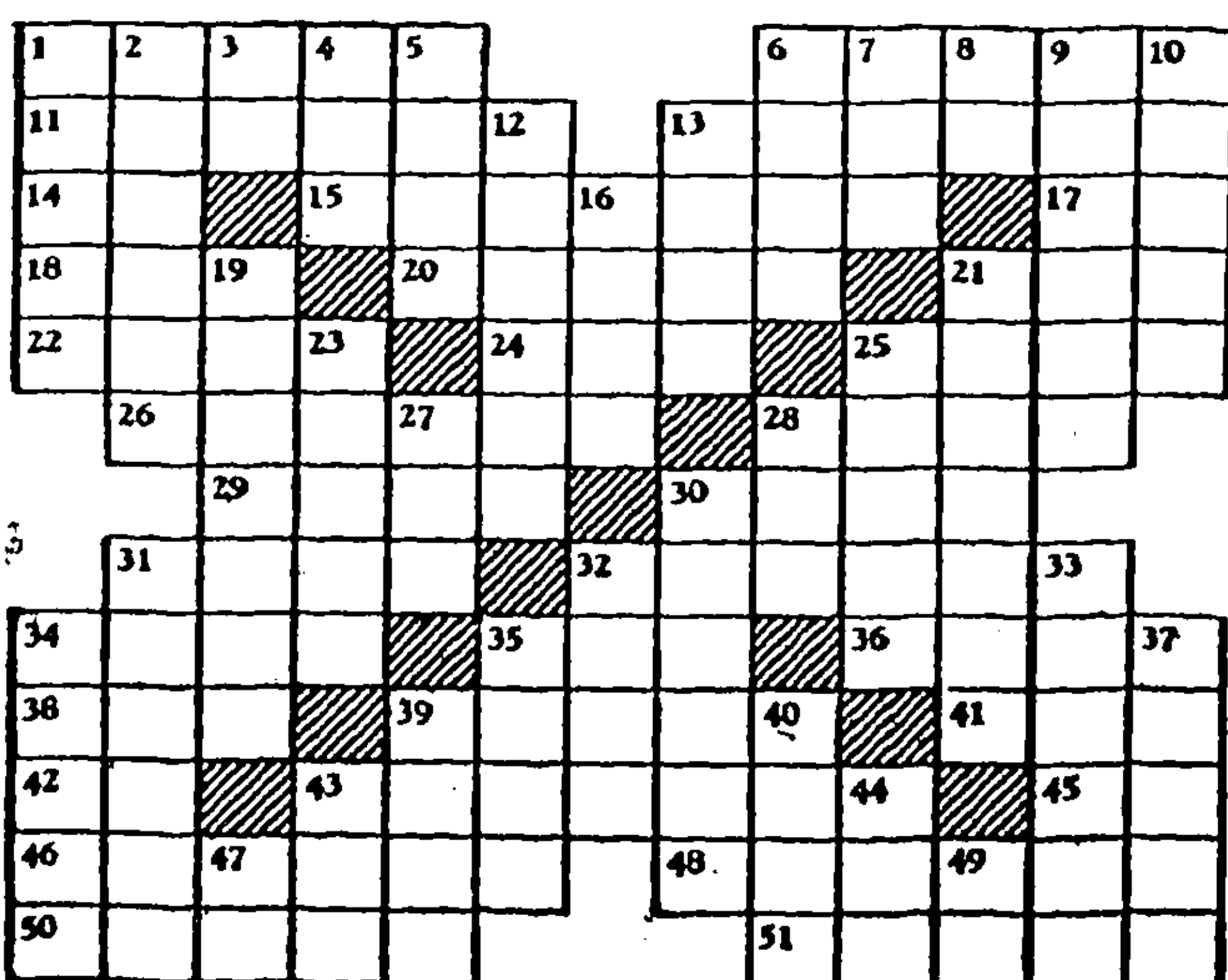
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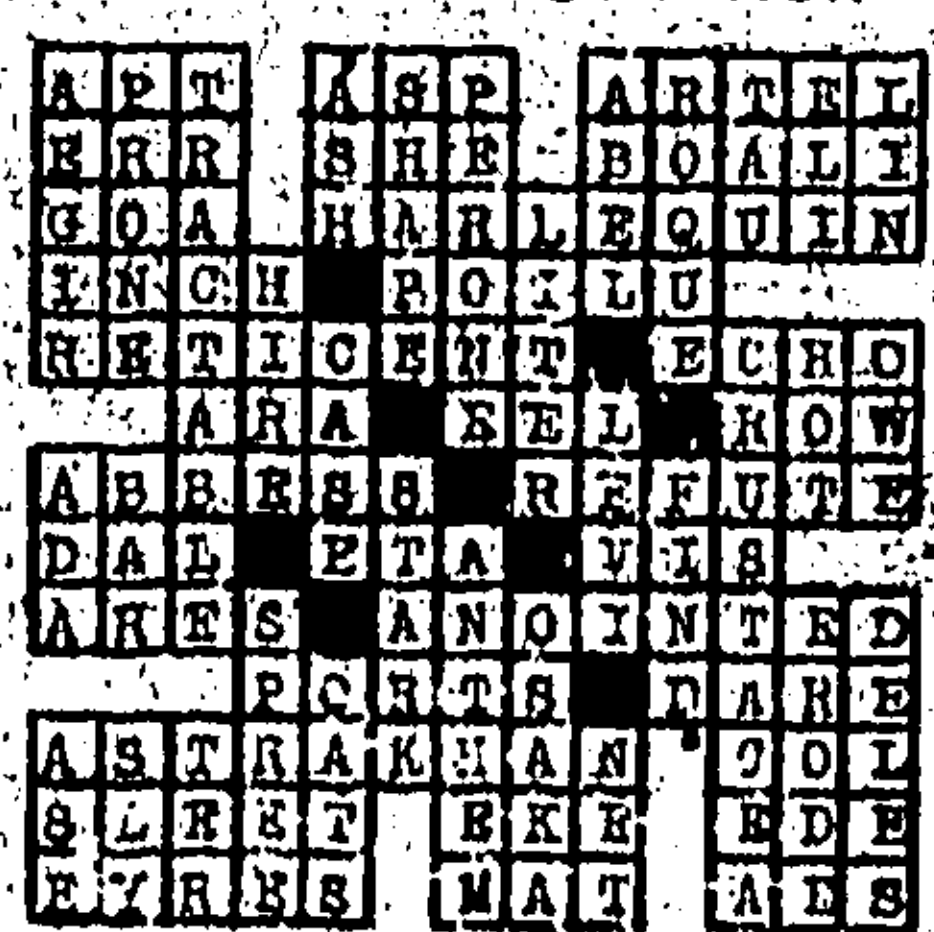
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- Brands
- American author
- To affirm
- Cholera
- At any time
- Topic
- Philippine Island ward division
- Female ruff
- City in Chaldea
- Colloquial; mother

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



SHANGHAI MAN DIED IN R.A.F. ACCIDENT

Details have now reached Shanghai about the death of Pilot-Officer W. E. Holland on December 10 while flying as an instructor with the R.A.F. He was about to land at Hatfield aerodrome, in Hertfordshire, in a Gypsy Moth training machine when another plane landed on top of him, and all four occupants of the two planes were killed. Mr. Holland was buried in the R.A.F. corner of St. Alban's Cemetery on December 14, among the officers present being Mr. Maurice d'Alton, formerly of Tientsin, who is now with the R.A.F.

The unfortunate accident occurred just ten days after "Bill" Holland had joined his squadron as an instructor. He was well-known and liked in Shanghai, being a member of many local clubs. He was one of the founder members of the local Royal Air Force Association, leaving to join up with the R.A.F. on July 3, 1940, when he was given a rousing send-off party by the club.

Mr. Holland saw wide service with the flying corps in the last war, first joining in 1916. By a curious coincidence he received his early training as a pilot at Hatfield aerodrome, where he was killed twenty-five years later. He joined a fighter squadron in 1916, and was wounded in 1917, after which he was made an instructor at Northolt, finishing with the rank of major in 1919. He was regarded as one of the finest flying instructors in England when he left the R.A.F. after the war, and his application to serve again in this capacity in 1940 was eagerly accepted by the Air Ministry.

He continued his flying activities when he came out to China in 1920. He flew the first Chinese-made aeroplane at Lungwha aerodrome, and took the first aerial photographs ever to be made of Shanghai. When he left Shanghai again Holland was particularly anxious to see active service with the R.A.F. but was not permitted to serve, owing to his age.

COURT IGNORES DOVER SHELLS

Shells from German long-range guns on the French coast fell near the court in which Dover Quarter Sessions were being held but they did not interrupt the proceedings.

There were only two cases on the Calendar, involving three youths accused of breaking into evacuated premises and stealing property.

The oak-panelled court had a wartime atmosphere. The clerk wore the uniform of a 2nd Lieutenant, and a man on the jury in one of the cases was in A.F.S. uniform.

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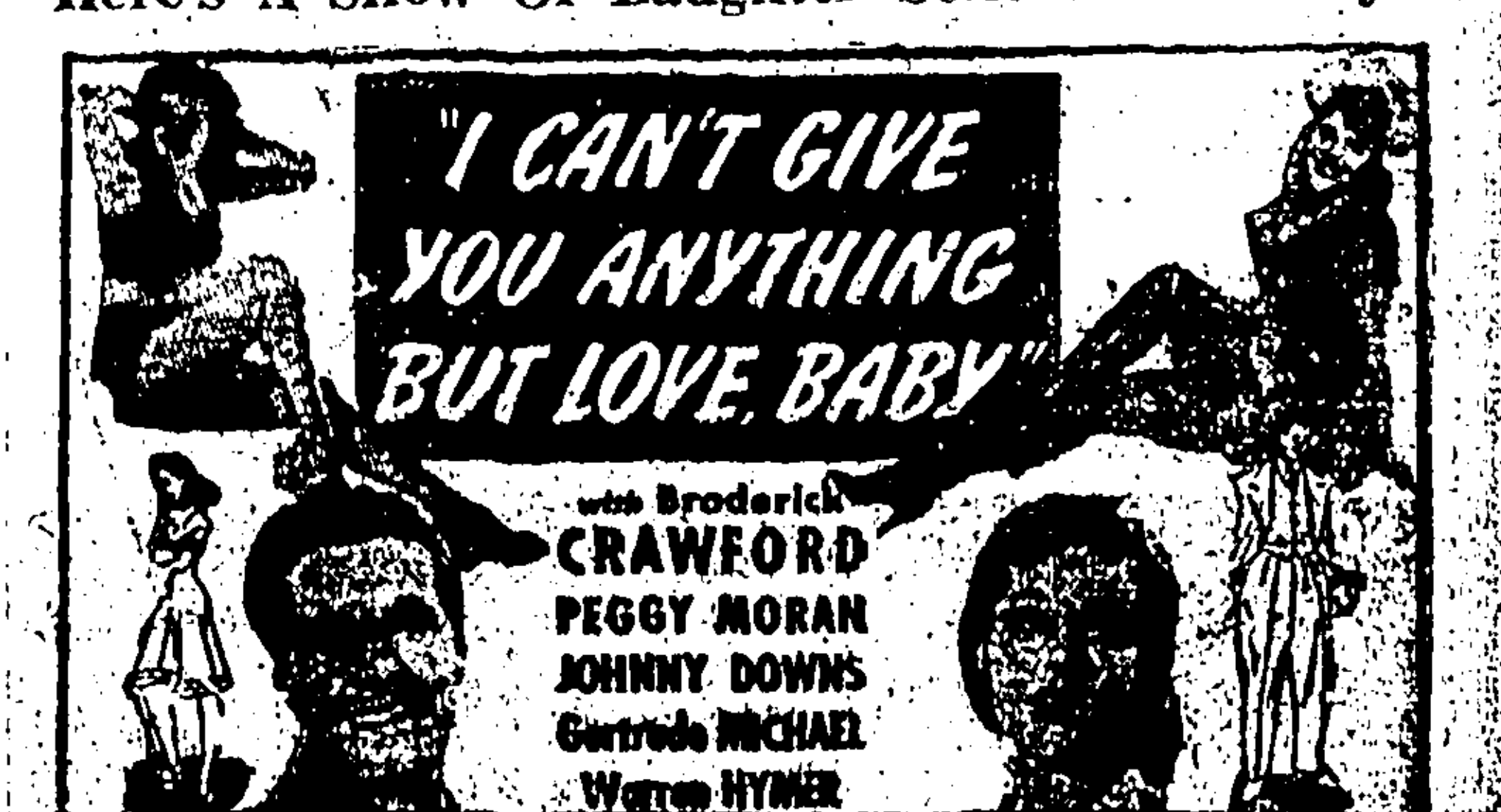
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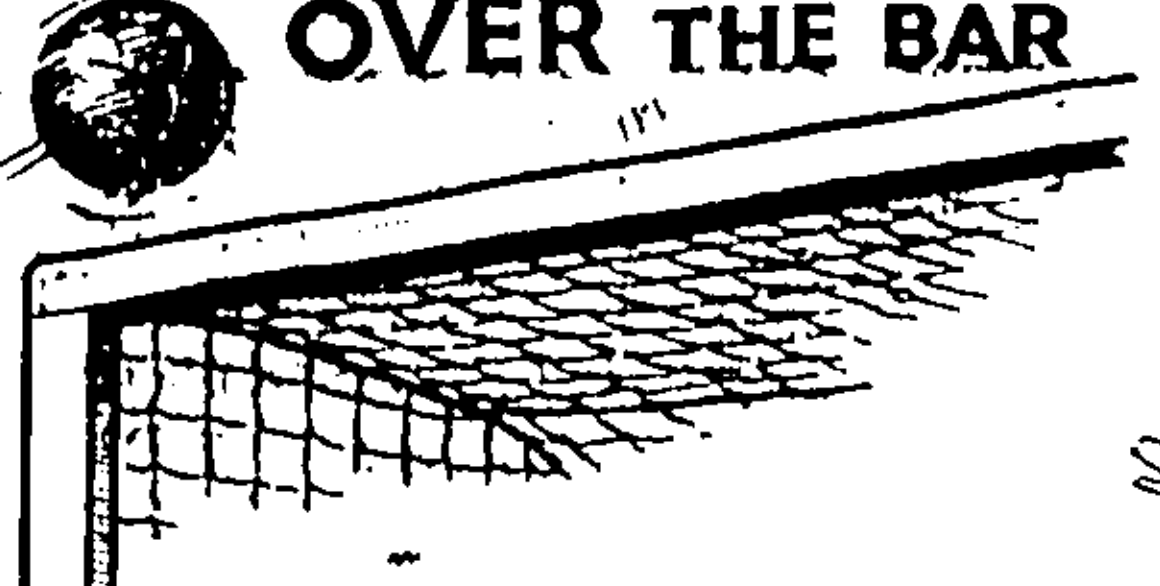
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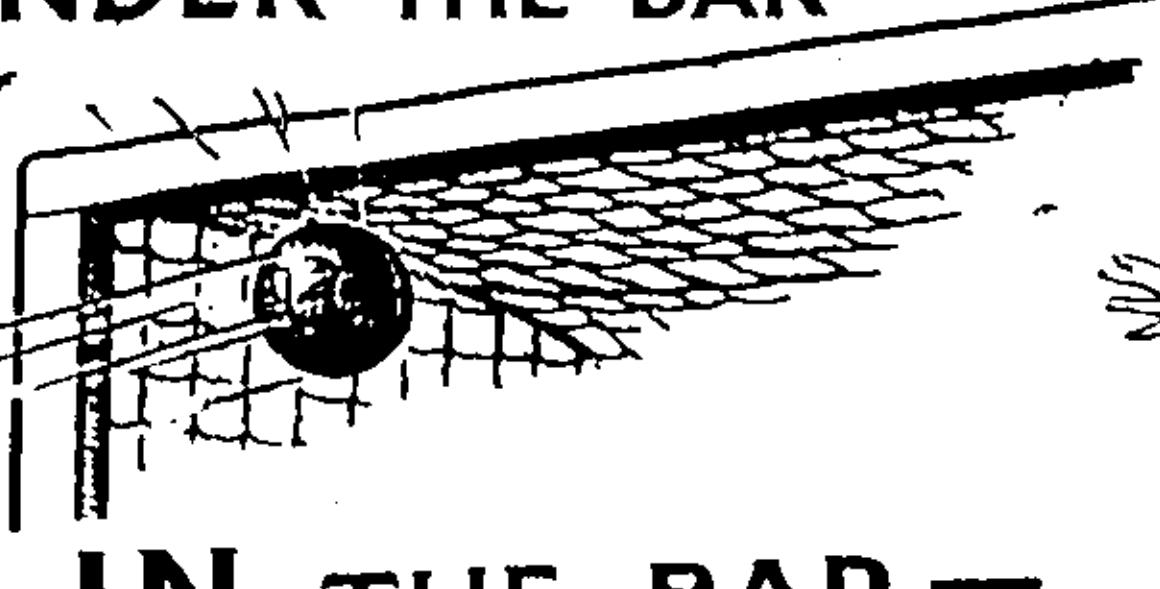
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# EMPIRE AIR SCHEME IS IN FULL SWING

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

THE FIRST BATCH of Empire trained pilots are now in action with the R.A.F. against the Nazis, flying from aerodromes in Britain itself. These airmen, trained in Canada, herald a steady stream from the Dominion to Britain, and have already shown, by their performance in battle, how much may be expected from the thousands who will follow. Some of these men have already carried out bombing raids on Germany, besides attacking enemy shipping, and taking part in fights with Messerschmidts over the North Sea.

The Empire air training scheme provides for the instruction of some twenty thousand pilots and thirty thousand other personnel each year. So rapid has been the progress, however, that the original scheme has been left far behind, and the estimated cost of £120,000,000 is likely to be greatly exceeded. So far the expenditure has been nearly double that anticipated for the period.

At the end of last December more than twice as many pilots had graduated from training camps than was actually contemplated under the original scheme, and should this tempo be maintained it will mean that all the schools due to be in operation by December 1941—48 out of a total of 93—will actually be working in full swing by July.

By September all the units and schools proposed will be operating, fully seven months before they were scheduled to be completed. More than three times as many training planes for the use of these schools will be needed by June, as compared with the present, when there are barely sufficient machines of all types to cope with the number of pupils. It is confidently stated, however, that the planes will be ready and waiting for the pupils.

The speed-up in construction work on planes began with the fall of France last June. Over 20,000,000 yards of soil have been moved to provide suitable airfields and for the construction of hardened runways, and by now 95 per cent. of the development of aerodromes has been accomplished. Over twenty training schools are in active operation on these new airfields.

I met some of the very first group of these Dominion trained airmen to fly against Germany on an aerodrome on the English East coast. There were five of them in a tiny flight office at one end of a hangar—two pilot officers and three sergeants.

All these men are flying on observation duty in aircraft over German shipping routes, searching for enemy ships, which they attack with either torpedoes or bombs. They also fly on night raids on heavily defended German ports.

Three of four Canadians of the group come from Toronto, and the fourth from Calgary. The fifth member of the group is an American from Atlanta, Georgia. At first they were a little tense and unkeyed, wondering what their first flight would be like. A pilot officer from Toronto was the first to take off. He is about twenty-five years old, and was formerly an accountant. He told me about his first flight as we stood in the tiny flight office.

## Night Raid On Port

"My first job," he began, "was to navigate a bomber on a night raid over Wilhelmshaven. We expected to run into bright moonlight when we got there, but the weather from the very start was bad, and steadily got worse—we ran into rain, snow and sleet, with little visibility. We couldn't even see a flak which greeted us as we touched the German coastline, but it was there all right.

At one time we thought we were flying into a balloon barrage, since great black smudges kept appearing in the air ahead of us, and the pilot kept swerving to miss them. After a bit, however, we realised that they were big clouds of black smoke made by exploding anti-aircraft gun shells.

"After a time we knew that we were over Wilhelmshaven, and I was itching to let go with the

bombs, but the pilot would not let me until we were exactly over our target. We made several direct hits—that's what they taught us in Canada."

Within a fortnight this pilot became a veteran. On his second trip his bomber was attacked by two Messerschmidt 109's while carrying out a daylight patrol on German shipping lanes. The fighters were successfully driven off.

## Laying Mines By Air

This same pilot has also taken part in laying of mines by air at the entrances to narrow channels at German harbour mouths. This operation involves most accurate navigation by night, and low flying under the very noses of the Germans.

The American member of the group is a tall fair-haired sergeant, and the first of his nationality to join the Empire training scheme. The first operation on which he flew was in laying mines in narrow shipping channels off the German and Dutch coasts. The

## FUTURE OF QUISLING

Norwegians in London close to Government quarters regard it as highly probable that Quisling's saga may very soon be drastically ended.

Swedish papers have lately discussed the possibility that Quisling's reported visit to Berlin may be followed by events leading to his downfall, or, perhaps, his sudden disappearance. It may be significant, they think, that rumours about an attempt on Quisling were widespread in Norway and Sweden only the day after Goebbels's visit to Oslo.

Goebbels could not have failed to be impressed by Quisling's utter inability to attract any followers of importance in Norway, where he has been a merely comic figure.

Reports have reached London of a statement made by the once leading German "observer" in Norway, a major disguised as some kind of an attaché, who has reported that the greatest mistake made by the Germans was the acceptance of Quisling as their man. The time may now be ripe for Quisling's downfall.

youngest of the party is a Canadian sergeant who went straight from a vocational school in Toronto to the Air Force. He has already been on a number of attacks on German shipping with bombs and torpedoes, and has flown on night raids over enemy occupied ports.

"The biggest job so far," he told me, "has been to dive-bomb German ships in a convoy. The warships protecting the convoy let us have plenty, but missed. We dived down on them just as they were coming out of the mouth of the Ems river, in daylight, and I saw a stick of bombs fall on the bow of one of the ships."

## MEETS OTHER HEROES WHO LAUGH AT BOMBS

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Joyce Green, who put on a steel helmet and stayed at her Spitfire bench while bombs were dropping near by, stopped work for a few seconds to chat to two of Britain's ace fighters.

The airmen—Flight-Lieutenant J. H. Mungo-Park and Pilot-Officer H. M. Stephen—who shared the kitty for shooting down the 600th plane for their station—had taken a day off to tour a factory, and see how their Spitfires are made.

"You're great heroes, and I am glad to have met you," said Joyce with a smile. "We are terribly proud of you all."

She was running back to her work when the foreman grabbed her. "Half a minute," he said, "while I tell them about you."

Joyce blushed, looked at her sparkling engagement ring, and said, "I can't stay long."

Said the foreman: "We think a lot of Joyce. She had an important job to finish when there was a raid. All the other girls had gone to the shelters, but she just put on a tin hat and went on working. She got her job done to time."

"That's the stuff," said Stephen. "You will help to win the war more quickly that way. You're doing as much as we are. We have plenty of pilots, and we can't have too many Spitfires."

Joyce Green confessed she was a little frightened, especially when one bomb fell near and shook open all the doors. "But the management sent me a very nice letter," she said, "and my boy, a corporal in the R.A.F., was very pleased."

Before Joyce became a Spitfire worker she had a job making golf balls.

As the pilots toured the factory bays, asking questions and seeing how the ten thousand parts of a Spitfire are made, one man put down the piece of metal on which he was working, walked up and saluted Stephen.

Then he held out his hand and said, "It's an honour to meet you, sir. I've read about your squadron. You are the first pilot of Britain's Defence Forces to be given the D.S.O. in the field by the King."

"I know you have shot down more than twenty Japs, and your friend has twelve to his credit. It does us good to see you."

Said Stephen: "And we are very pleased to come and see you all. It's a grand kite you are turning out, and I only wish you could see some of our scraps."

At another bench the pilots paused to watch a workman putting rivets into the leading edge of a wing.

"Have a go yourself," said the man, handing over the electric riveter. Stephen tried his hand at the job. "This thing goes too fast for me," he said, and the workers, who had gathered round in a bunch roared with laughter. The pilot put in a dozen rivets and said he hoped he would not have to fly that plane.

A worker explained that the rivets are given a salt bath before they are used. And they have to be used within two hours, or they become hard and useless, until given another bath.



# CHINA MAIL

## THE PARTNERS SPEAK

The two European Axis partners have spoken but it is extremely doubtful whether the most ardent Nazi or Fascist received any reassurance from what their leaders said. The Italians certainly did not. Mussolini's speech, which was, as he himself confessed, given reluctantly, was nothing more than a series of feeble excuses for Italy's downfall for which he alone is responsible. He put forward the argument that as Italy was unprepared for the war—at the same time as she had already been at war for six years—her losses were understandable.

In the next breath he declared that Italy was supporting the weight of 2,000,000 soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery. He gave, indeed, some interesting figures of the great preparations which were made to capture Egypt and destroy British might in the Mediterranean area. He had sent, he said, 1,900 guns of all calibres and of the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11,000,000 artillery shells, more than 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars. These figures, outlining the careful preparations the Italians had made in Libya, are worth quoting as they not only refute his statements of "unpreparedness", but they also indicate the strength against which the British had to contend, and give an idea of the amount of "war materials" captured. His further plaintive complaint that Italy had always been obliged to fight her wars far afield was a gross mis-statement as Albania cannot be considered far away. Mussolini, who constantly asserts that he is the spotless child of truth, can, when the occasion suits him, prevaricate as well as his partner in crime, who wrote in his book "Mein Kampf": "In the big he there is always a certain force of credibility."

Hitler's speech, in which he kindly informed his listeners that he was "feeling more fresh than ever," was given on the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Nazi Party. It lasted one and a half hours, the greater part being occupied in retracing the growth of the Nazi party and incidentally, his own rise from the obscure rank of a disgruntled agitator, to his present position as unhappy figurehead of the German nation. Hitler's speech differed from Mussolini's only in the fact that the latter has already tasted the bitter fruit of defeat and was trying to soothe his people for his diplomatic failures and catastrophic military rebuffs, while the former spoke of the preparations Germany was making to defeat "Enemy No. 1" as Mussolini described the British people. There were, however, various points in Hitler's speech which call for comment, both on account of their inaccuracies, but also because of the facts which they were intended to conceal.

His talk of the Versailles Treaty, his protestations of innocence, his desire for justice have been repeated so often—they have become a formula in all his public utterances—that even the German people looking at Europe today must feel that these declarations of peaceful intentions are somewhat out of date, but here and there cautiously interpolated sentences hold the attention. One of these injected thoughts was embodied in his remark that "only a few fools could ever think of revolution in Germany. I have taken on," he added, "many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious." This strange reference to the state of mind developing in Germany is significant and, hardly, one would think, necessary for a beloved leader to utter. Against whom was the threat directed? The Fuehrer then expressed the readiness of Germany to "measure our strength again." We like this word, "again." Was Hitler think-

## THE SAME OLD RECORD



AD NAUSEAM

# Empire Heroes East And West

British airmen operating against the Italians in the Middle East, as well as against the Nazis in Germany and occupied territory are included in the latest lists of awards issued by the British Air Ministry. The airmen come from many parts of the Empire.

Major Robert Henning Preller is the first South African pilot to be decorated in this war. He is serving in the Middle East and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. While operating over Italian territory his plane was hit and forced down. He was listed as lost. For fourteen days he tramped across the desert, suffering terrible hardship, but eventually staggered into the British lines. He gave directions which led to the rescue of his air crew. His deed was one of great endurance.

Another pilot serving in the Middle East who has been awarded the D.F.C. is Acting Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell. He is in charge of a flying boat. He sank two Italian submarines in two days and machine-gunned a third because he had run short of bombs. He is known as "Dead Eye Dick."

While on patrol he sighted his first submarine and immediately set his plane into a dive. As he flattened out, he released his bombs. The submarine reared out of the water, nose first, like a stricken fish, and then slid back again vertically and sank from sight. All that remained was a patch of bubbles.

The following day he spotted an Italian submarine on the surface. Again he dived and before the crew realised they were being attacked, he had let go his bombs. They found a mark beside the conning tower. In spite of a rough sea and a gathering storm, Campbell taxied his flying boat with great skill among the wreckage of the submarine and rescued four of the crew. He then resumed his patrol and spotted a third submarine. Although he had no bombs left he dived to the

ing of his lost opportunities and his failure to win the first bout last September? These are a few of the chinks in Hitler's armour which show the world that he is not as invincible as he would like it to think. Possibly our Far East neighbour, Japan, will not fail to draw the necessary conclusion.

attack on two occasions and machine-gunned the boat. At the end of the day he returned to his base and handed over his prisoners. In the announcement of the award it is stated that Acting Flight Lieutenant Campbell had shown "skill, initiative and devotion to duty."

Flight Sergeant Bertram James Thomas, of the Middle East Command, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. By a superhuman effort he saved his plane and the life of his air gunner. After a dive bombing raid on a gun position he attacked an Italian aircraft. He was hit by an explosive bullet and severely wounded in the right shoulder. Behind him his observer was killed. Despite his weakness through loss of blood, Flight Sergeant Thomas set his course for Berbera, about forty miles away. Almost exhausted by loss of blood, and with his right shoulder useless, he made a successful landing, with the undercarriage of his plane retracted. The official description of his bravery is "a superhuman effort."

Seven fighter pilots who receive awards, six the D.F.C. and one a bar to the D.F.C., have between them shot down 54 aircraft over Britain and Dunkirk. Pilot Officer W. L. McKnight, a Canadian, receives the bar to the D.F.C. He has destroyed six German machines in the last thirteen weeks. He is described as a "courageous and tenacious fighter."

Flight Lieutenant J. I. Kilmarlin has downed 12 machines, and his dash and determination, with clear thinking, combining to make him a magnificent leader. Acting Flight Lieutenant P. S. Turner, another Canadian, has shot down ten machines. On September 15, one of the three victorious days referred to by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a message of congratulation to the Fighter Command, he brought down a Nazi machine, and was then hit by cannon shell. For a few seconds it looked as though his machine were helpless and out of control, but by clever handling he regained control, and even destroyed a second plane before he brought his own damaged machine safely back to his base.

Flying Officer T. A. F. Elsdon, from Scotland, has a bag of six to his credit. On September 4, when leading his Squadron, his method of attack was successful in destroying nine aircraft and probably three more.

Pilot Officer J. R. B. Meaker, who comes from Ireland, although only 21, has shown himself to be "resolute in attack, with a calm, determined temperament." He has shot down at least five aircraft. Pilot Officer T. F. Neill has destroyed six and Pilot Officer N. K. Stansfield, a Canadian, has brought down seven.

One of the best photographers of the Royal Air Force has just been awarded a bar to his D.F.C. He is Flying Officer Alistair Lennox Taylor. One recent reconnaissance over Kiel, the announcement states, was considered the most valuable for the Navy during the war. Another time he took off in dense fog and secured valuable photographs of the Dortmund-Ems Aqueduct, the most vulnerable point of Germany's busiest industrial waterway. From other exceptionally successful reconnaissances he brought back photographs of Cap Gris Nez and Flushing. He has completed 60 of these photographic missions.

Described as a particularly brilliant tactician, Flight Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar has been awarded the bar to his D.F.C. During the defence of London he shot down eight planes in eight days, and led his squadron with fighting spirit and resource.

To conclude, here is a simple story which is typical of the courage of civilians of the British Isles. In their everyday life now they are likely to run into danger, but they are always ready to meet it with a stout heart.

William Joseph Jenkins is a Swansea air raid messenger. A raid was at its height. An urgent message had to be taken from Manselton to the control room, a distance of some three miles. Jenkins mounted his motor cycle and set off on the journey, avoiding wreckage and burst gas mains. Falling bricks knocked him from his machine, but dazed and bruised he remounted. He had not gone far before a bomb knocked him unconscious. Helpers came and he recovered, and insisted on continuing with his urgent message. He had another half mile to go. The tyres of his machine were flat, ripped open by bomb splinters, but he rode on. He was blown off yet again, but still he remounted, and delivered his message.

Mr. Jenkins has been awarded the George Medal recently instituted by the King.

# They Go On Fishing

I can't mention the names of the trawlers or the skippers concerned; but at about midday the first put his trawl down about 15 miles off the coast, which wasn't in sight. There was a slight easterly breeze and something of a haze, though no sea to speak of, when, at half-past twelve, two enemy aircraft were seen to the south-eastward and approaching fast. They dived down, and spent the next hour-and-a-quarter circling round and attacking at close range.

They started by dropping several bombs, which fell sufficiently close to send their splinters raining on board, to do much damage. Meanwhile, the third hand had got busy with his

By "Taffrail"

Lewis gun, plastering the first Heinkel at close range and apparently damaging her, for after a time she flew off out of sight.

But before this both aircraft flew round and round in circles spraying the trawler with machine-gun bullets. It was two against one, and the trawler, with her crew of nine, was a very easy target, particularly as her trawl was down and she couldn't weigh it. As her skipper said, she could only hope for the best and steam round and round in circles.

Well, that little ship—she was a ship of 159 tons, forty-one years old—was fairly riddled with bullets and bomb splinters. Her funnel, mast, ventilators, superstructure, wheelhouse, sides and deck were punctured again and again. The compass and telegraph were damaged; the shrouds, rigging, wireless aerial—practically every rope—cut or stranded. One bullet went in through the open door of the galley and punctured the oven door after wounding the cook. The hand manning the Lewis gun was also wounded, as was the skipper who told me the story. A bullet which had first hit something else struck him in the back of his head. "I felt something hot," he said, "and put up my hand and found this in the neck of my jersey," showing me a splayed out copper bullet with the usual steel core. He showed me the scar, too. Another bullet went through his jersey, and there were more fragments of metal in his head and one shoulder. "I can feel 'em pricking," he explained. "My old woman picks out two or three new bits every morning."

The other story's about a 33-year old trawler which was also intermittently attacked for one-and-a-half hours when engaged in fishing. She didn't carry a machine-gun; but her skipper fired his rifle every time the aeroplane came near. The aircraft dropped several bombs, which missed, and then used her machine-guns. The ship was hit again and again and damaged; but there were no casualties, as the men had taken cover—all except the skipper, who bobbed up every now and then to fire his rifle.

Then he had the idea of firing ordinary rockets, pointing them in the aeroplane's direction. He fired eight in all, and the aircraft, mistaking them for something lethal, kept at a respectable height. "But I expect we'd have been done in," the skipper told me, "if the fog hadn't come down and saved us. We chopped our gear away and steamed full speed towards the shore, where the aeroplane mightn't have followed even if the fog had lifted."

What amazed me was the calm sort of way these men accepted the situation. They were neither of them young. Both had wives and families. Their general attitude, like that of the men of the Merchant Navy, was that they weren't going to be prevented from going to sea and earning their livings by any pestilential Germans. Come what might, they'd carry on, and be damned to the Huns.

They were phlegmatic, stolid men, these two skippers; hard-bitten seamen inured to foul weather and a hard life. It didn't seem to occur to them that they were doing anything particularly daring or praiseworthy in adding to the nation's food supply of fresh fish, though in these days their job is just as tough as that of the thousands of others from the fishing fleets who are serving in the minesweepers and patrol craft.



# NAZI PLANS TO INVADE THE AMERICAS

RECENT WARNINGS by officials in the United States of Axis plans to use force of arms, as well as economic penetration and propaganda, for a conquest of this hemisphere were believed by competent American observers in Mexico City to be substantiated in a Nazi "war calendar," which has just reached Mexico City secretly from Spain.

Not only did this seemingly authentic document, from which extracts are known to have been transmitted to Washington, describe in detail direct action and steps allegedly planned by the totalitarian powers to achieve invasion of the Americas in the next nine months, but it was also said to reveal that Soviet Russia is preparing to attack the United States by way of Alaska, coincident with Nazi and Japanese attacks on Mexico, Central America and South America.

The "war calendar" was brought to Mexico by agents of the Spanish Falange, a Fascist organisation which is directing the Axis propaganda drive against democratic institutions in Latin America. Although several points mentioned in it already have been achieved with startling time accuracy, its general schedule appeared so fantastic that this correspondent hesitated to write about it until after talks with naval and military officials and diplomats here, who took it seriously.

According to the alleged plan the first step toward the Soviet Union's invasion of the North American continent would be a Red-Nipponese pact to liquidate the "China problem" before summer, Russia and Japan jointly taking over the Chinese Republic. Timing the next move so as to cause the greatest possible consternation in the United States, Russia, which virtually dominates the entire Bering Strait, with a stronghold at East Cape, would sweep across fifty-six miles open water with warships and planes to strike at Alaska, it was said.

## Aims of Russian Thrust

The Russian "invasion" would have two main objectives, it was said. Once on American soil the Russians would stir up revolutionary activity in Canada and the United States, ultimately halting aid to Great Britain.

At the same time, the presence of the Russians in Alaska would divert part of the United States Navy, while Japan attacked Mexico. Previously, internal disorders in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chile would have been fomented.

At the height of the agitation, according to the plan, the Axis powers would lend direct military aid to Latin-American revolutionaries. For example, it was said, German warplanes, based at Dakar, in French West Africa, would spread destruction in Brazil, just four hours' flying distance across the south Atlantic, and German and Italian warships would also aid in the attack.

## TURIN PUTS ITS LIGHTS OUT

The crew of a Wellington bomber which arrived over Turin on a night bombing raid were amazed to find all the street lights on. No effort was made to put them out, even as the British plane circled overhead.

Down went the first stick of bombs. Then the lights went out.

## U.S. BOMBERS ON WAY TO ENGLAND

Thirteen four-engine heavy bombers, bearing the colours of the Royal Air Force, have arrived in Washington.

Authorised quarters state that these machines are doubtless part of the squadron of American heavy bombers which, according to an announcement made last November, are to be delivered to Great Britain.

These bombers are equipped with the latest bombing devices and are said to be extremely efficient.

## "SCAR NO BAR TO LOVE"

"PEOPLE DO NOT FALL IN LOVE BECAUSE ONE HAS OR HAS NOT GOT A SCAR," SAID COUNSEL FOR A TRANSPORT COMPANY AT ESSEX ASSIZES WHEN MISS COLEEN EVA BOYLE, AGED EIGHTEEN, OF NEWSTEAD, HUTTON, ESSEX, CLAIMED DAMAGES FOR INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN A CAR COLLIDED WITH A LORRY.

Her counsel said she now had a horrible scar across her face. "Girls to-day," he added, "are proud and sensitive of their appearance."

Counsel for Cattermole's Transport Ltd., Islington, the defendants, said Miss Boyle was an attractive girl and her matrimonial chances had not been lessened by the scar.

The girl was awarded £491.

## TOWN TO KEEP CHICKENS

Croydon Corporation plan to conduct experimental chicken farming to utilise the waste food collected from corporation hospitals and institutions.

The estimated cost of the scheme is £257 10s., 250 fowls at 15s. each to cost £187 10s., and accommodation costing £70.

and the other hit his Spitfire with a cannon shell, but he got safely back.

## BAGGED 'PLANE ON DAY OFF

Having brought down nineteen enemy 'planes and earned the D.F.C. and bar, a squadron leader of the R.A.F. took a day off.

He visited the squadron in which until recently he commanded a flight, and went up with his old comrades and destroyed a Messerschmidt 109.

"We took off just before nine o'clock," he said. "When we were at about 18,000 feet I looked around and saw a dog fight going on behind me, and we sailed round. There were about twenty ME 109s."

"I noticed two MEs flying in line astern, and about 150 yards apart. The leader looked to be the offensive partner, so I got in a quick squirt at the rear one."

"Presumably he was meant to be acting as rearguard to the other, but as soon as I fired he wheeled down into the blue. I went straight on to the leading ME, and gave it a long burst."

"I left him going in the clouds at 4,000ft. The pilot baled out, and I heard afterwards that the ME had crashed."

A few weeks ago, when he was still with his former squadron, he was visiting London on leave, and as he had some way to go and his Spitfire was in need of slight repairs he was allowed to fly it to a London aerodrome.

When he landed he was told there was a raid on.

He got permission to go up, and near the coast found two Junkers 88s at 15,000ft., flying together. He overtook them, swung round and made a head-on attack. They both dived to sea level.

Then he attacked again. One went straight down into the sea

## CREW DIES IN S.O.S. MYSTERY

A RESCUE PARTY that answered an SOS and boarded the steamer Ourang Medan, off the Solomon Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, found bodies of sailors lying about the deck.

"We could find no sign of a wound on any of them," said an officer of the rescue party. "Death seemed to have taken them by surprise at their posts... it was terrifying."

"On the captain's bridge we found the body of the second officer. We counted twelve bodies three of them of deck officers."

"We decided to search the captain's quarters, but at that moment we heard an explosion in the ship."

"We abandoned the ship immediately and rowed back to our own. The explosions were repeated. Soon nothing was left of the Ourang Medan but a blazing hulk."

"The next day the fire burned itself out and the steamer went under, taking her secret with her."

The Ourang Medan had sent out an SOS and the message "Send doctor—urgent."

The steamer was told that help was coming, but immediately the request for a doctor was cancelled. "Send a warship," was the next request.

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# ITALIANS CRUEL TO GREEK WOMEN, WOUNDED

(From A Correspondent)

A GREEK GENERAL told me of Italian atrocities. As we talked behind the lines Italian planes high overhead tried to harrass the Greek advance. It was in this sector where the Italians were brilliantly trapped and checked.

I saw villages where there was nothing. Not a house remained. Women and children were forced by the Italians to stay at home, so that Greek artillerymen had to fire on their own homes where their womenfolk had been brutally raped and murdered.

The General told me of how he himself had five times seen Italian tanks drive deliberately over Greek wounded.

Greece, he said, still needed more British aircraft.

"If you only send them, we'll do the rest," he said.

Behind us the Greek artillery was pounding the main road, their retreat towards Argyrokastron.

In the woods around, where hundreds of Italian dead still lie unburied, Greek machine-gun fire sounds from every side, proof that another Italian unit has been cut off.

## Tragic Letters

Here are all the relics of war one would expect. Limbs of men killed by tanks, shell craters, ruined farmhouses, dead horses, ditched lorries.

But here one also finds something one doesn't expect to find—letters from Italian homes.

They have been written from mother to son; father writing proudly of Italy's greatness; brother asking for news of Italian fighters in this strange war no Italian understands.

I reached Albania to-day after two days' and night's travel over mountains 7,000ft. high.

For 100 miles last night my car squeezed forward among the Greek reserves.

Each unit recognised our Union Jack.

And for hour after hour the Greek infantry cheered us on in English as our car slithered in mud beneath the stars.

I had come to the point along a road on which the Italians had already dropped more than a thousand bombs without a direct hit.

This road is used at night by captured Italian lorries and motor-cycles running dispatches and supplies to the Greek front line.

## BLONDES WILL GO BROWNETTE

Gentlemen may still prefer blondes, but as the war goes on they will find them more difficult to meet. Blondes are getting rare. They are giving place to brownettes, the kindlier name for mousey heads, because business and Service women find they can't keep pace with the increased cost of being "blonded up" once every ten days.

The men who are so anxious to take out blondes don't realise that it costs as much as 7s. 6d. a time for a golden hair-do, and every ten days the roots must be touched up to cover the dark parting. Of course, original applications of dye, and reconditioning of dyed hair before it can be permanently waved, costs a great deal more.

"The girls in the Services or in offices cannot afford the time or the money to visit us so frequently," a West End hairdresser told me.

"And if they slacken off their visits they find a dark parting appears."

Another reason is that it is difficult to visit the hairdresser now that the blitz starts in the early evening.

One man told me: "It is partly psychological. Women to-day are more sincere, constructive. The previous 'good-time' girl is now going all out for war work. 'We blondes think it's just a question of money,' said a blonde worker. 'The spare pennies go into National Savings.'"

## CLERGY HIT AT SHELTERS

All-round condemnation of air raid shelters is made by clergy of the Rural Deanery of Hammersmith (London) in a statement.

"The shelters," declare the clergyman, "are in some case becoming uninhabitable."

The statement continues:—

"The unsatisfactory nature of the surface shelters is shaking public morale. An example of this is the fact that many of these shelters (known to many of our parishioners as 'brick coffins') remain unused."

Referring to tube shelters the statement says:—

"A new type of mosquito or gnat, possessing a dangerous bite, seems to have evolved itself."

Deep bomb proof shelters had been found practicable of construction in Spain and by the Councils of Edinburgh, Finsbury and Hackney.

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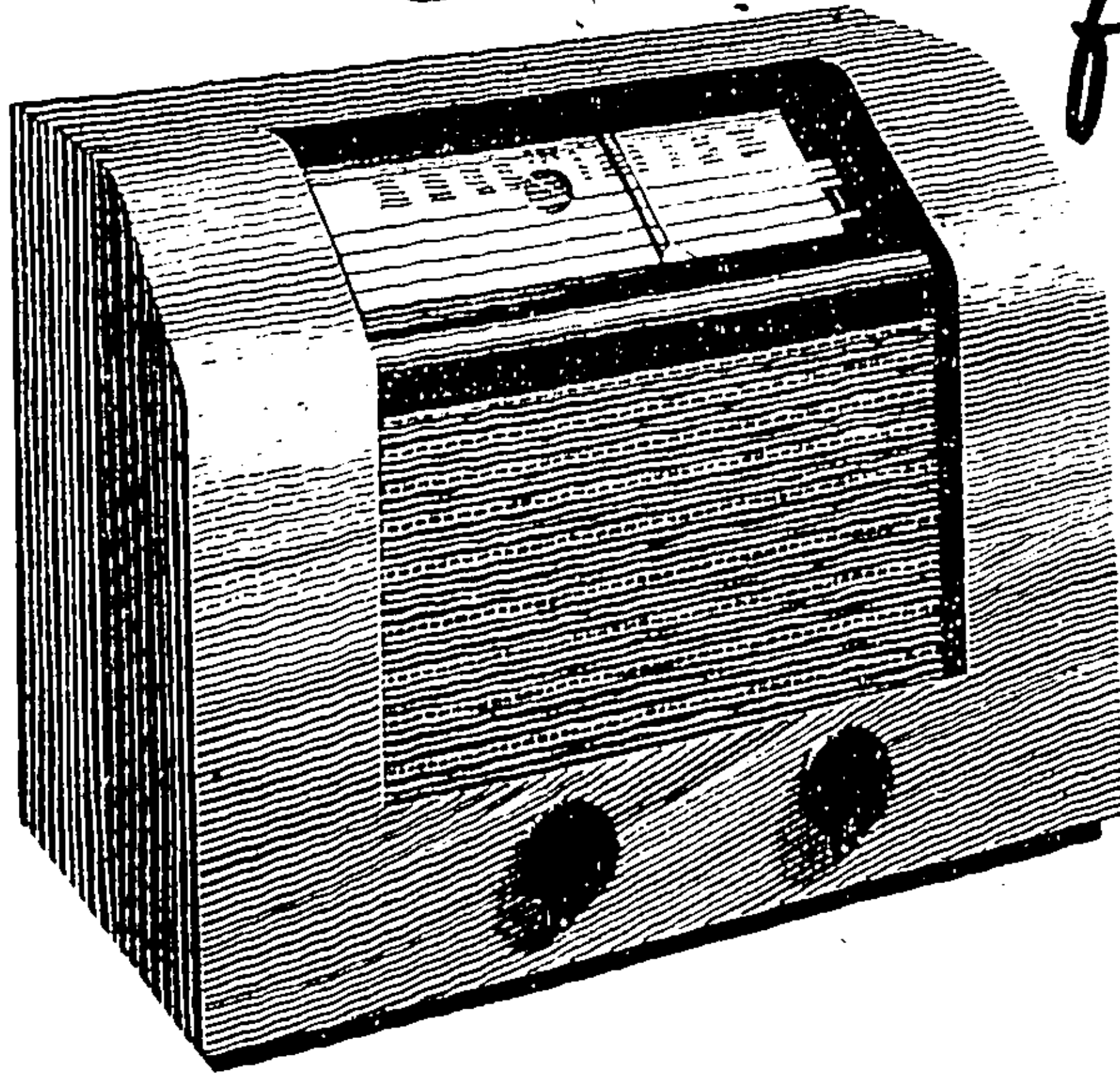
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## HE WAS OPPONENT OF MUSSOLINI

(By VERNON BARTLETT)

THE RESIGNATION of Marshal Badoglio is of great importance from the Allied point of view, for nobody could doubt either his patriotism or his military qualifications.

The suggestion that he has retired on account of age in the middle of Italy's most critical campaign is nonsensical.

Although he took over command in Abyssinia when Marshal de Bono proved a failure, he was opposed to Mussolini's act of aggression. And rightly so, since the difficulty of sending supplies to Italian troops in that unfriendly territory may still be the principal cause of the coming Fascist collapse.

It is unbelievable that Marshal Badoglio would have resigned at this critical moment unless he believed that Signor Mussolini had led Italy either into a war that she would not win or into a war

which would be won solely for Herr Hitler's benefit.

## Italian Discontent

From various sources comes detailed evidence of rapidly growing Italian discontent. This discontent will certainly develop now that the man who was best suited to conciliate the ambitions of Fascism with those of the Regular Army, always resentful of the way in which Fascist leaders rank because of their enthusiasm for the Duce, has been eliminated.



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

#### SURPLUS NAVAL FLOUR

Tenders are invited for the purchase and removal from H. M. Victualling Yard, Kowloon, of 350 bags Flour (17,300 lbs.).

The Flour can be inspected at any time during Yard working hours, and tenders should be forwarded to the Superintendent by noon, FRIDAY, 7th March.

## HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NOTICE

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

## BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,  
Hon. Secretary.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941:

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors.

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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale | Registry No.                | Locality                                                         | Boundary Measurements          | Contents in sq. ft. | Annual Rent | Upset Price |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1           | Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4302 | Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4297, Ping Street, Kau Pui Shek | N. S. E. W.<br>ft. ft. ft. ft. | As per sale plan    | About 3,156 | \$26        |
|             |                             |                                                                  |                                |                     |             | \$2,367     |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$237 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, 28th February, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, 4th March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central. (2nd Floor)

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LAMBERT BROS.,  
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1941.

## HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941

Entries close on SATURDAY, 1st March, 1941, at 6 p.m.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—

## THIRD DAY—

Monday,—24th February.

## FOURTH DAY—

Tuesday,—25th February.

## FIFTH DAY—

Saturday,—1st March.

On Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

G. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th February, 1941.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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## BRIDGE NOLES

### OVERCOMING THE BREAKS

#### By The Four Aces

Every good player knows of ways to overcome the effect of certain bad breaks. For example:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
North-South part score 60

♠ A Q 6  
♥ A Q 8 7 4 3  
♦ 10 6  
♣ Q J

♠ 8 7 4  
♥ 10 5  
♦ J 8 7 3  
♣ K 7 4 3

♠ 6 2  
♥ K 9 6 2  
♦ 9  
♣ A 9 9 6

♠ K J 10 9 3  
♥ J  
♦ A K Q 5 4 2  
♣ 8

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 6♠    | Pass |
| Pass  | Pass |       |      |

West opened the ten of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then led a trump to his own Jack and laid down the diamond Ace. Next a trump was led to dummy's Ace, and a low heart was ruffed by South. This series of apparently aimless plays was followed by the King of diamonds; and now the method in South's madness became clear. East could not follow suit, but he also couldn't ruff, so South was able to ruff a low diamond with dummy's Queen of trumps. He then ruffed a heart, drew the last trump, and ran the diamonds, making his Slam contract.

Declarer's reason for leaving one trump out should be clear because of what actually happened. There was no danger in leading a second round of diamonds if that suit were going to split 3-2; and if it were going to split 4-1 (as was actually the case) the only hope was that the long diamond hand also held the last trump.

South's other plays were equally sound. It was safe to cash one diamond after drawing only one round of trumps, for if the diamonds split 5-0, the contract was practically impossible. And the heart ruff at the fifth trick was planned to take advantage of a possible drop of the heart King (or a possible mistake by East). That would allow South to lead a trump to the Queen and get rid of the club on the heart Queen.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 9 7 3  
♥ A J 9  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ A Q

What did you bid as dealer?

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Despite the general strength of the hand, there is no point in bidding one no-trump and thus suppressing a strong five-card major suit. Score 100% for one spade, 40% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

### Question No. 650

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

| You | Jacoby | Schenken | Males |
|-----|--------|----------|-------|
| 1♠  | Pass   | 2♦       | Pass  |
| (?) |        |          |       |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## NO STAY-AT-HOME

As a hen that's different, Mrs. Jay Grizzle offers her Bantam.

Every morning when Mrs. Grizzle leaves her country home, this unusual fowl hops on the radius rod of the car and rides into town. After the owner parks in front of the store where she works, the hen stays near the machine. The bantam lays her eggs under the auto.

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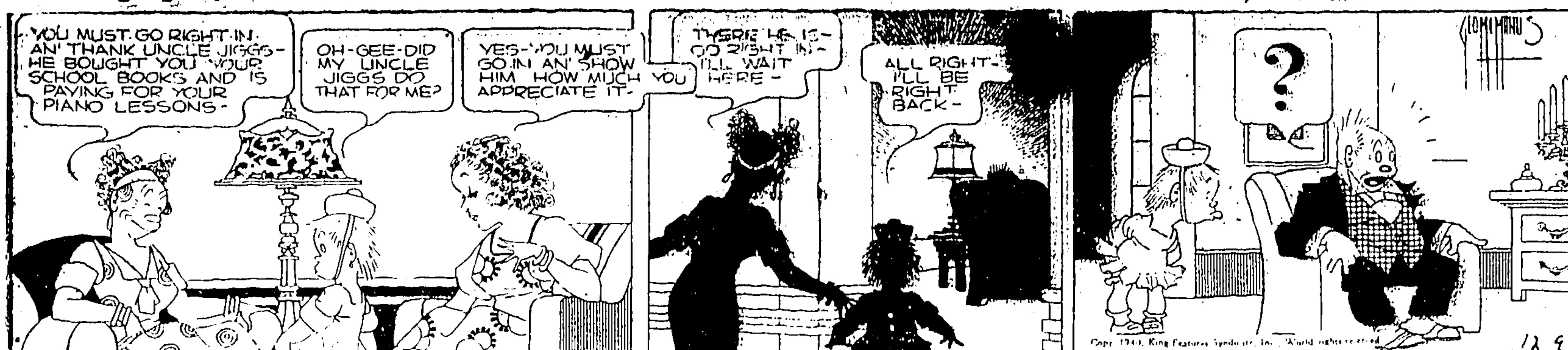
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Slim Thighs For Summer Beauty

This is the month to begin your figure refashioning programme if you want to look swell in early summer clothes and later, ravishing in a bathing suit! One cannot expect to whittle down inches in a week or two. It requires diligent daily exercising and a stern will regarding one's food.

While heavy thighs can often be disguised with clothes chosen to minimise them, a bathing suit inevitably reveals their true measurements! So begin now to work off that "thigh-bulge" which is so unlovely.

These exercises will, if practised daily without fail, reduce your thighs and will give your body greater flexibility.

### On The Mat You Get!

**BACK LYING, ALTERNATE LEG CIRCLING.** Lie on your back, arms at sides. Raise right leg and circle it out to the right several times, in a wide circle. Bring it back to original position and raise left leg. Circle it out toward the left in a wide circle several times. Alternate legs in this fashion five times each. Rest and repeat, or do another exercise and then repeat this one.

**STANDING, ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING.** Stand erect grasping the back of a straight chair.



Holding onto the sides of her exercising mat, this young lady is practising the ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING EXERCISE, described in to-day's column. She desires slim hips for a new tailor!

Keeping knees straight swing right leg back and forward as a clock pendulum swings. You will find that you twist toward the right at your waist. Swing your leg as high as possible in each direction. Rest for a moment. Then twist toward the left and swing the left leg in the same manner. Five times for each leg, and then

lie flat on the floor on your back and rest a moment or two before beginning the next exercise.

**THE FAMOUS SCISSORS.** Lie on your side on your exercising mat. (If you have no mat use a mattress on the floor or hang on to a heavy bit of furniture as you swing your legs). Your head should be resting on your left arm. Your left hand should grasp the top of the mattress or a piece of heavy furniture. Then raise both legs in the air and scissor them backward and forward as rapidly in rhythm as you can. Keep them in the air until you feel strained, then rest them on the floor, turn over on your other side and repeat exercise.

This scissor movement is one of the best for thigh reducing and leg refashioning. It is difficult to do if you are not limber, so take it easy at first.

around your shoulder blade area. This one exercise may be done while you sit at your desk or table without attracting too much comment!

The three following movements are the fifth of the series presented through the courtesy of the American Woman's Association:

**ARM CIRCLING:** Sits on edge of straight chair. Raise arms, to shoulder level, hands at chest, palms down as if ready to do the breast stroke in swimming. Make a small circle with arms, forward, up and back. 5 to 10 times; rest and repeat.

**ARM SWINGING AND ARM BENDING:** Stand erect with feet slightly apart, arms hanging with hands crossed in front of body. This exercise is done to 4 counts. Count 1—fling arms up and back. Count 2—bring arms down to first position. Count 3—raise arms to bent bent position at chest. Count 4—lower arms to original crossed position. Repeat slowly until you get rhythm then do rapidly 15 or 20 times.

**PRONE LYING, HEAD AND SHOULDER RAISING:** Lie face downward, hands clasped behind back. Raise head and shoulders off floor pulling hands toward heels, keeping head straight, chin in. Relax and repeat 15 to 20 times.

## Dowager's Hump

When someone called that pad of flesh which forms at the base of the neck, if one's posture is poor, a dowager's hump, it was rightly named. For nothing can age a woman's appearance so much as that—it adds ten years to any woman's age.

A dowager's hump comes primarily from poor posture. Very young girls acquire one if they slump when they walk and sit. It doesn't take long for a roll of flesh to form high on the shoulders, but it takes ages for it to be massaged away or exercised away!

The business woman is very likely to acquire a dowager's hump unwittingly, by sitting long hours over a desk or typewriter in a cramped position. To prevent it from forming one should get up several times a day and go through a few simple corrective movements to relieve the tenseness around the neck and shoulders. If you work in an office or factory, you could practice these movements in the ladies room or during your lunch hour. Housewives should practice them about the middle of the morning.

### These Correct Poor Posture

Try this simple movement right now. Drop your paper, sit erectly in your chair, draw in your abdomen which automatically raises your chest. Now place your hands on your shoulder bones and raise elbows to shoulder level. Stretch neck upward and push head back, so it is even with spine (not bent forward). Holding this position, force your elbows back as far as possible and then forward in a



This diligent beauty demonstrates the ARM SWINGING ARM BENDING EXERCISE described to-day.

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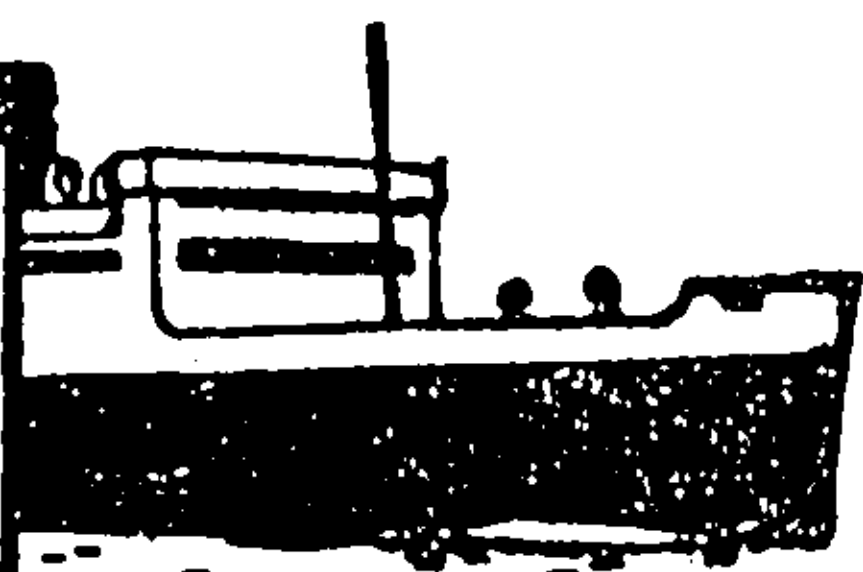
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1.45 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount  
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1.55 p.m.—Band Music.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
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6.32 p.m.—A. Wagner Programme.  
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
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Orchestra cond. by Clifford Green-  
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8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.  
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Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by  
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# Modus Vivendi On Dispute Over The Tangier Zone

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone. This declaration was made in the Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr. Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government.

Arrangements now concluded safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the international administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied to Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

## Legal Rights

Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr. Butler intimated they had also agreed that if at any time the mixed tribunal should cease to function, the consular courts would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr. Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

## Positions Reserved

The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under treaties in force.

The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position. —Reuter.

## B.B.C. PIN PRICKING FOR FUN

Sonnie Hale, Harry Pepper and Syd Walker are to have pins stuck in them and their squeals broadcast for listeners to identify.

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For the first time in its history, the B.B.C. is to offer a monthly prize of £100 to whoever comes nearest to solving twelve noise problems.

Entry fee for the competition will be a 2½d. stamp, which will go to the Penny-a-Week Fund—with no deductions.

B.B.C. experts spent nearly two hours trying to make three Zoo parrots talk. The parrots would not oblige, so they tried budgerigars and other birds.

The B.B.C. have had their troubles over these noises. For instance, they wanted to get a hog and a sow to grunt. Well, the sow did her stuff, but in spite of the fact that the hog was kicked by a horse it did not even murmur. So they got Neil Munro—whose idea this is—to hit a golf ball instead. Neil sliced his drive and hit a bull in the rear.

The next bright thought was to play gramophone records backwards and make you guess which of three well-known comedians was Big-Hearted Arthur.

## CONCERT FOR THE BOMBER FUND

A very interesting programme has been arranged for the Band Concert, in aid of the S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund, to be held in the Peninsula Hotel Lounge at 9 p.m. on Sunday, under the direction of Geo. Pio-Ulski and Art Carneiro.

The main feature of the programme is a two-piano solo by Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

Following is the programme:

1. The Barber of Seville—Overture Rossini.

This work originally was titled "Almaviva or The Useless Precaution". It is one of the outstanding masterpieces of all opera buffa of the 19th Century and is certainly the best of Rossini's works.

2. Minuet Bizet.  
A graceful movement from the "D'Arlesienne" Suite No. 1.

3. The Willow Plate Herbert.  
Incidental music on Tony Sargo's Chinese play consisting of five short numbers:— No. 1: "The Mandarin's Garden"; No. 2: "The Little Garden House"; No. 3: "Chang The Lover"; No. 4: "Kong Shee"; No. 5: "A Wedding Procession".

4. Valse des Fleurs.  
Tschalkowsky.

The most popular number from the "Nutcracker" Ballet Music.

5. Rigoletto—Selection Verdi.  
Rigoletto was first produced in Venice in March 1851 and met with great success. One of Verdi's earliest operas, (30 in all), it still holds its place among the most popular operas of to-day.

INTERVAL  
6. Solo—Two Pianos Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

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7. The Maid of the Mountains—Selection Fraser-Simson.

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8. 2nd Hungarian Rhapsody. Liszt.

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9. Intermezzo—Mascagni.  
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10. The Gay Nineties—Waltz Medley. Arr. Geo. Pio-Ulski.

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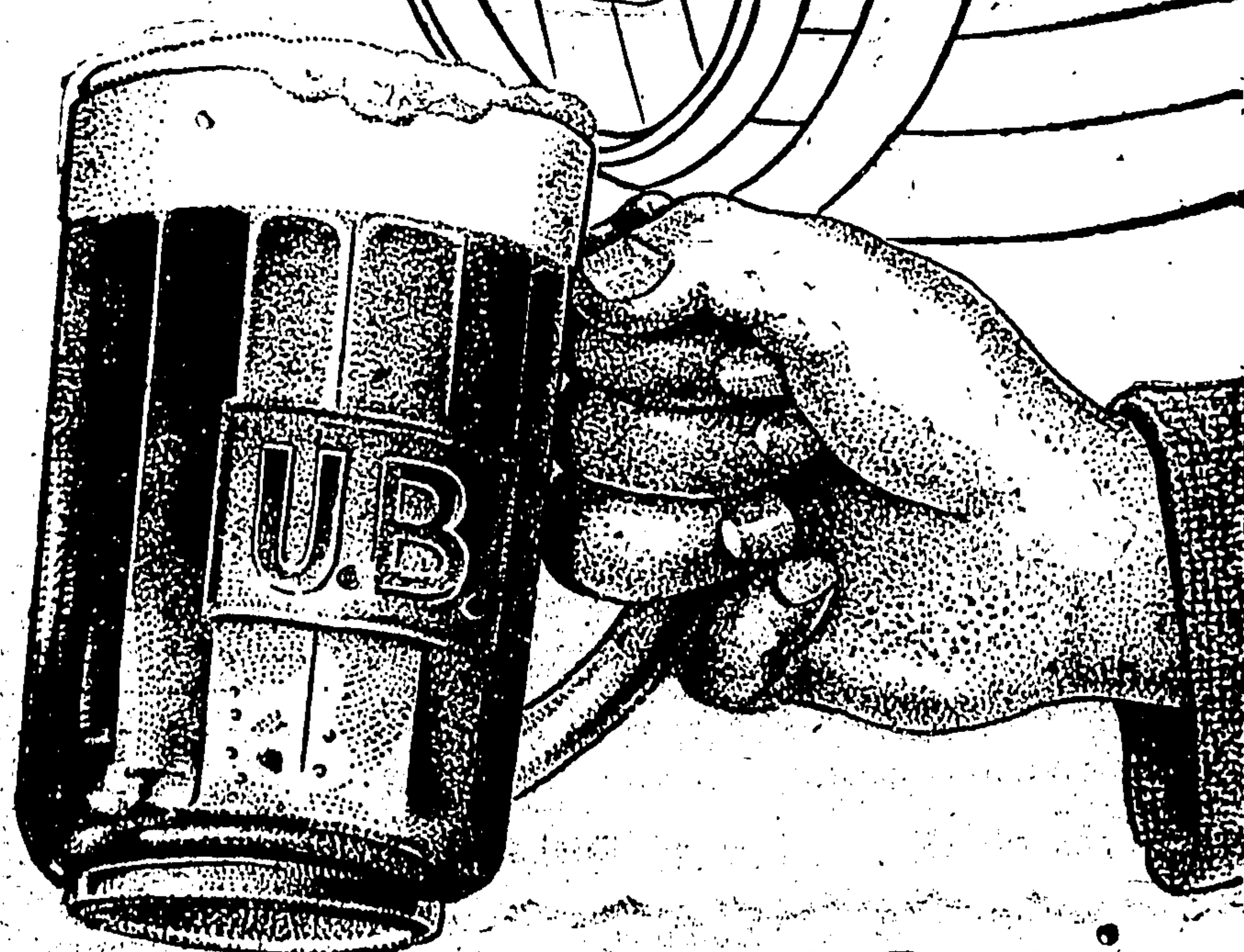
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CRICKET NOTES

# ATROCIOUS WEATHER MARSH SATURDAY'S 'NEEDLE' MATCH

## "Zinho" Gosano Plays A Very Useful Knock

### Recreio Bowlers Off Their Length

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB ARE NOW ALMOST CERTAIN TO RETAIN THE SENIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE RESULT OF THEIR WIN OVER CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY.

This match was expected to produce a very high standard of cricket but, as it transpired, the weather was so bad that decent cricket was an impossibility and batsmen, bowlers and fielders all found the conditions difficult.

There was a stiff cross-wind blowing across the ground throughout and it was only when an old but heavy set of bails were discovered, that it was possible to prevent the frequent interruptions that had occurred previously owing to the bails being blown off by the wind.

The outfield was very slow but the wicket was greasy and the ball was coming off fairly quickly and, in the consistently bad light, batsmen at no time found matters altogether to their liking.

#### Broadbridge's Catch

Teddy Fincher, for the fourth time in as many League matches, won the toss and put Recreio in. At first it did not seem that this policy would pay as L. G. and J. M. Gosano were both batting confidently and did not appear to be in any trouble. When he had scored three, however, L. G. reached at one from Lloyd and was taken smartly in the slips by Reggie Broadbridge, who threw himself forward to hold the chance about an inch above the ground.

Joined by G. N. Gosano, J. M. continued to score freely, his most

effective stroke being a sort of hooked drive off his back-foot which travelled, usually in the air, in the direction of mid-wicket and mid-on.

Noticing this, Lloyd moved his mid-on wide and sure enough Zinho hit one straight at Mackay, who was fielding there, only for the fielder to drop a simple catch.

It was an expensive mistake for Zinho went on to score 75 and although he continued to lift the ball nothing else went to hand.

Zinho is a good bat with plenty of power in his shots but he will have to time his scoring shots better if he hopes to reach the top class. On occasion, also, he is apt to play his forward defensive strokes carelessly. What he needs, I think, is a little more experience.

No other Recreio batsman gave very much trouble, Lloyd bowling cleverly at one end and Francis Zimmerman banging them down at the other, taking wickets regularly.

At 4.21, with only 128 on the board with nine wickets down, Eddie Gosano, rather surprisingly I thought, declared. He evidently thought that with the bowlers he had available and under the conditions, K.C.C. would find run-getting as difficult as his own batsmen had.

#### Hung's Breezy Knock

Unfortunately these theories did not work out as, except for a few overs from Silva, none of his bowlers were effective and Hung's breezy knock rather rattled them. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

### MACAULEY'S SPLENDID INNINGS

By "Adrem"

Two friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday, Diocesan Boys' School putting up a remarkably good show against Civil Service juniors, and Recreio being rather unfortunate in being unable to force a win against a Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team.

At Homantin, D.B.S. were only four runs short of the C.S.C.C. total when stumps were drawn. The latter team lost their first wicket quickly but Colledge and Amslie added 59 for the second wicket and paved the way to the total of 151 for 8 dec, which was eventually reached.

Veteran MacGowan hit out to good effect later, scoring 46 not out in which were included seven fours. Hulse and Macauley were the most successful School bowlers.

A fine innings by Macauley, who carried his bat for 91, was the outstanding feature of the D.B.S. innings. Batting confidently from the start Macauley hit 12 fours and was at the wickets for 80 minutes.

#### Noronha's Good Knock

A chanceless innings of 62 by A. E. Noronha was the outstanding performance in the Club "A" Recreio match at Chater Road.

Cricket Club, batting first, ran up 127 for 8 dec. G. J. P. Carey, A. K. Mackenzie, R. S. W. Paterson and J. L. Hsley being the principal contributors, and then, thanks to Noronha's fine innings, Recreio were able to get to within nine runs of their opponents when time was called.

### UNIVERSITY AGAIN IN THE PICTURE

By "Adrem"

UNIVERSITY, WHO IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE THIS SEASON HAVE CAUSED UPSET AFTER UPSET, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR YET ANOTHER ON SATURDAY WHEN THEY HAD THE BETTER OF A DRAW WITH CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB, WHO HITHERTO, HAD NOT DROPPED A POINT IN THREE GAMES.

University were on top throughout and, following a disastrous start, it looked very much as if the Valley team were playing to save a point.

Batting first the undergraduates were given an excellent start by Kenneth Lo and Chelliah. Lo batted very nicely and did not give a chance, but Chelliah was a trifle lucky although he, too, took full advantage of any scoring opportunities.

After 73 runs had been added for the first wicket, something of a rot set in and it appeared that University had flattered only to deceive. R. S. Gill, however, saved the situation with an aggressive innings of 36 which enabled a declaration to be made at about 4.15 with the very respectable score of 167 on the board for the loss of nine wickets.

#### Omar Off Form

The Craigengower attack was not as impressive as usual, Esmael being the most dangerous. Omar, who usually carries the bowling, did not meet with as much success as usual although he was fairly steady.

Craigengower started badly and never fully recovered. Hung was caught by Chin off Amplavanan

before a run had been scored and Lee, on whom Craigengower depend so much, foolishly ran himself out a few balls later. Thereafter, apart from Hamson, who batted soundly, taking no liberties with the good balls and waiting only for the loose ones, and a bright interlude during which Leonard hit three fours, Craigengower were definitely on the defensive and when stumps were drawn they had 92 runs with six wickets down.

Amplavanan returned the best figures of the University bowlers who performed, but generally speaking the attack was no impressive.

#### Police Fail Again

The Police team, which still tries hard in spite of many vicissitudes, all but stayed their long run of League failures on Saturday, when they had their game with Indian Recreation Club in the bag and then let the opportunity slip.

Stout-hearted bowling by Carey who was well assisted by Dan Brownsky, played a big part in dismissing I.R.C. for only 139. Razack, Wahab and Ali being the principal contributors, and thanks to useful innings by Clarke, Tyler and Shepherd, Police were on their way to their first League success when the inevitable collapse set in and the last five wickets managed to collect only 14 runs.

The closing stages were exciting and Police were only three runs short of their opponents' total when the last wicket fell.

Abbas, was as usual the Indians' best bowler, finishing with 6 for 43.

### GOOD WIN FOR V.R.C.

Victoria Recreation Club registered their best result of the current League badminton season on Tuesday, when at King's Park, they beat Club de Recreio by the odd game in five in "B" Division.

Chiefly responsible for the swimming club's success were S. A. Rumjahn and D. M. Xavier, who played really well to win all three games. They were well supported by M. M. de V. Soares and A. Basto, who won two games, but G. Brown and A. A. Remedios were unable to get going and lost all their encounters.

Best Recreio pair were veterans A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira,

Hung took chances, although there was no hurry and this policy paid. Ozorio went off quickly and Eddie himself had a very brief spell as a damaged finger on his bowling hand appeared to be giving him trouble and he never looked dangerous.

Anderson and Lay were able to score freely and when the latter was eventually caught by Silva for a useful 30, the game was as good as won. Eddie Gosano produced a couple of good balls in the muck that hid set in at a few minutes to six and clean-bowled Mackay and Zimmerman with a couple of beauties, but this only had the effect of making Teddy Fincher shed his nice warm sweater as the runs were hit off almost immediately!

### LEAGUE TABLES

#### SECTION "A"

|           | G | P | L | W  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|-----------|---|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| King's    | 6 | 1 | 5 | 39 | 10 | 10 |      |
| Chung Wah | 4 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 9  | 6  |      |
| Recreio   | 6 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 26 | 6  |      |
| V.R.C.    | 5 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 30 | 4  |      |
| J.R.C.    | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 42 | 0  |      |

#### SECTION "B"

|              | G | P | L | W  | F  | A  | Pts. |
|--------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| K.C.C.       | 6 | 0 | 6 | 36 | 19 | 12 |      |
| St. John's   | 6 | 1 | 5 | 37 | 17 | 10 |      |
| St. Andrew's | 6 | 4 | 2 | 27 | 27 | 4  |      |
| Kowloon Tong | 6 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 30 | 4  |      |
| Police       | 6 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 43 | 0  |      |

who lost only one game.  
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)  
beat A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 23-21  
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M. M. de V. Soares and A. Basto (V.R.C.)  
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beat E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha 21-12  
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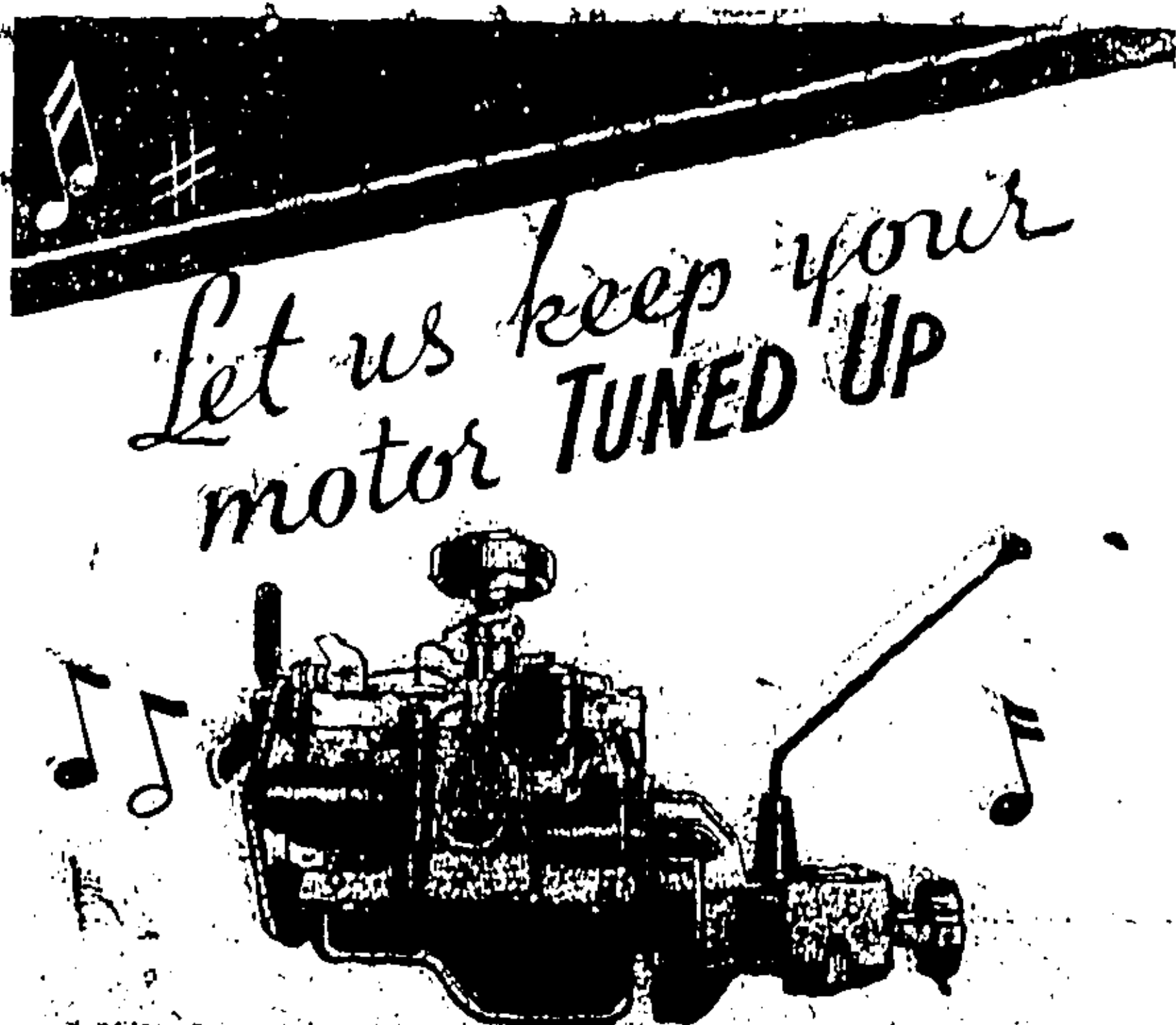
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# DROPPED GOAL BY HUTCHISON BEATS POLICE

By "Scrum-Half"

The only surprise in yesterday's Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches was the defeat of Police "A", winners in 1939 and runners-up last year, by Butterfield and Swire by 4 points to 3.

Police never settled down and their defeat, due to Hutchison's dropped goal, was not surprising in a game that was either side's up to the final whistle. For B. & S. Macrae, Castleton and Godfrey, shone, while Police, who were without Taylor, were best served by Wright-Nooth, who gave them a try in the closing stages, and Dempsey, who failed to convert the try from a difficult angle.

Macrae failed to kick a goal from 40 yards with the wind behind him, and Hutchison made two attempts to drop goals.

The loss of Coombes proved too much for Combined Small Units "A" and, though Morgan played a really good game for them, they were beaten 6-0 by 8th Heavy "A" as the result of a try between the posts by Hook, who charged down an attempted punt ahead by Hamblin caught it and scored easily, only for Marsh to fail to convert, and a second try by Hook just on time.

Macdonald had only one chance and on that occasion he was grassed by Marsh, who, like Richards, was very seldom in the picture.

The gunners did not look a championship team and I think Tamar and Small Ships will prove too good for them.

## Sailors Look Good

Tamar and Small Ships "A" were badly handicapped by the loss of Honeywell, who is injured but once they had settled down, they were clearly too good for Bank. In the first half Flynn threw away a certain try when he forgot to pass after having got to within five yards of the Bank line. Early in the second half Paul attempted a dropped goal, but the sailors did not open the scoring until Paul had handed off Day to score between the posts, only to miss the kick at goal. Late in the game Bowden made an amazing corkscrew run to score in the corner and Paul failed to convert. Navy thus winning 6-0.

For Navy Paul was outstanding, while Bowden, Carter and King also impressed. The Bank had the speed but they showed lack of combination. Carruthers barely touched the ball once in the game. Kennedy and Day were their best players.

Tamar and Small Ships "A" with Honeywell back, look a good side to me, though their weakness at forward may allow Club "A" to carry the day.

Club "B" were a better side than Middlesex "B", who won 5-3, but regretted of Lavalle, who scored their only try. Pat Stout should have converted, cost them the game. Olesen, Stoker and Benn did well enough, but the outsiders were weak, Wilson appearing to limp before the game started and being a passenger from the first whistle.

# Dropped Catches At Recreio

By "Adrem"

Conditions were again pretty foul for cricket on Sunday but, even with their exposed ground, the wind at Recreio was not as bad as it was on most grounds on the previous day.

The match between Volunteers and Club de Recreio was a very enjoyable one although a high standard was rarely reached.

Recreio had first lease of the wicket and although they had a long tail to their batting, their acknowledged batsmen did so well that they were able to put together the very respectable total for the ground of 181.

Zinho Gosano and Soares gave the side a good start, the latter batting better than he has done for a long time. For once in a while, he did not try to hit the

cover off the ball in the first over he received, but, playing the better balls carefully, his innings of only 18 was an attractive one.

## That Mashie Shot

Gosano again played his mashie shot over mid-on with great success and was again dropped by Mackay, this time the dolliest of catches to the same position as on the previous day. Fortunately for the fielder, however, the mistake was not on this occasion an expensive one as Gosano was given out l.b.w. after he had scored about four further runs.

M. D'Almada Remedios, who I believe is still in school, played a very fine innings of 31 and would appear to be worth watching as material almost ripe for First Division. He has a very nice defence and played his off shots with confidence. L. G. Gosano scored most of his 27 runs on the leg and Silva played a cheerful knock of 26.

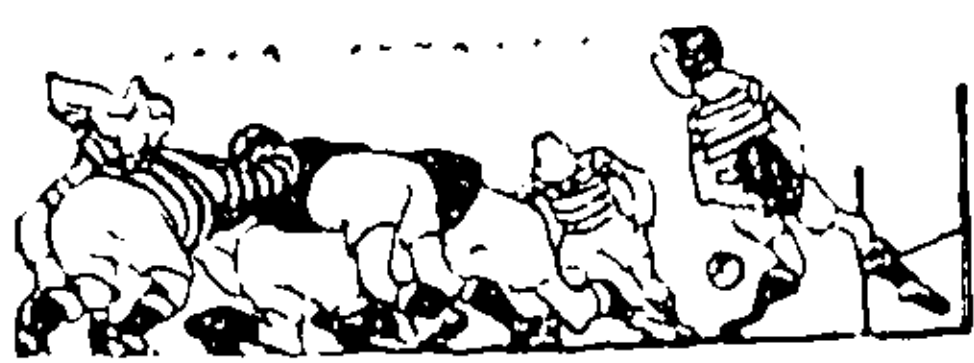
## Partnerships Broken

Lloyd was the best Volunteer bowler, although special men-

tion must be made of Ride's two very useful overs, which brought a wicket in each to break dangerous partnerships.

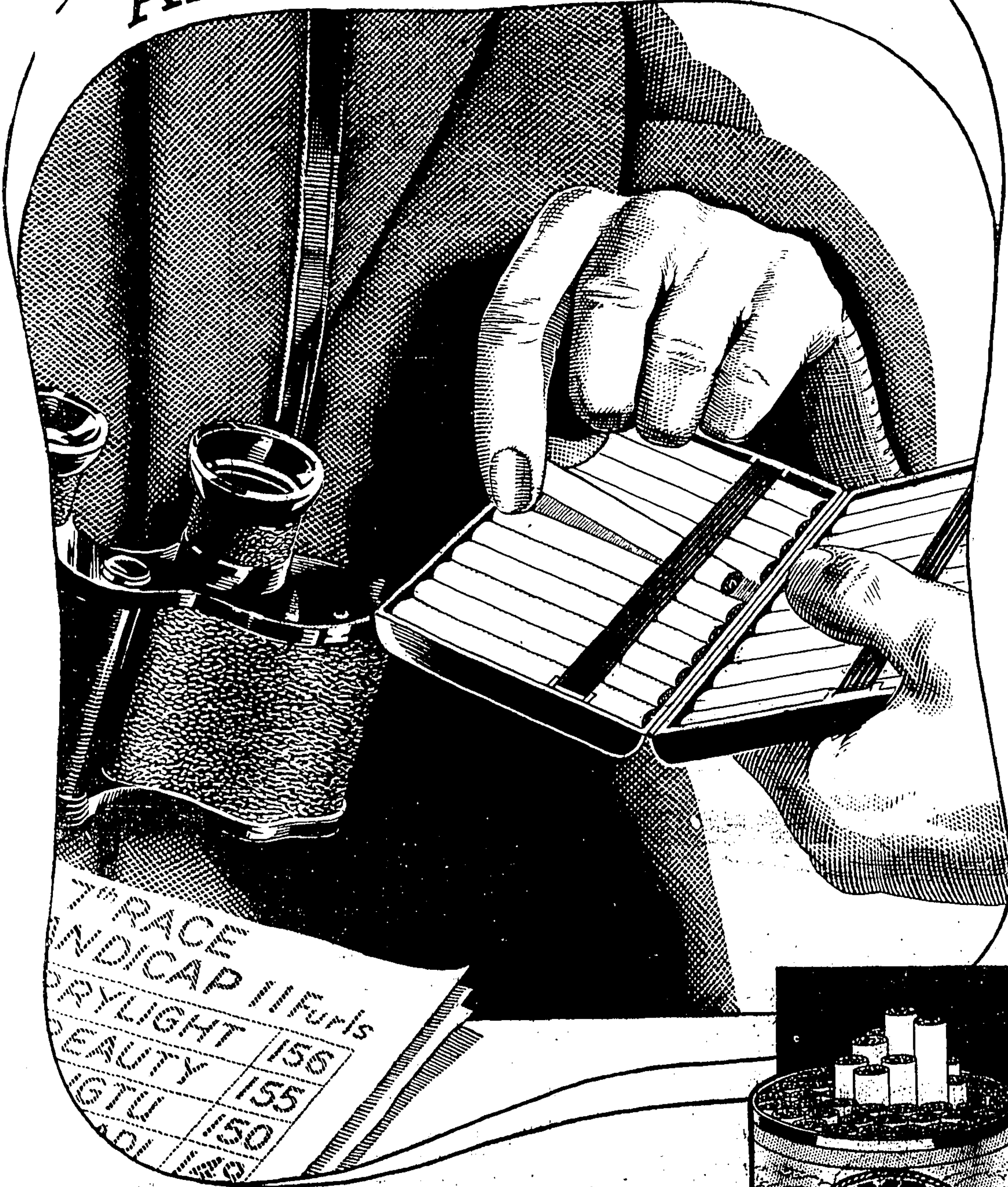
The fielding on the whole was dreadful. In addition to Mackay's dropped catch, Ernie Zimmermann, in the short time he was on the field—he arrived late—put down three that went to hand besides not seeing a couple of others that he might have got to had his eyes been in better condition. Lloyd missed one in the slips and a couple were dropped by Recreio subs early on, chiefly, I think, because of the strong wind that made the flight of the ball extremely difficult to follow.

Volunteers started well enough although they lost Mackay to a catch behind the wickets early on. Fincher and Perry appeared to find little in the bowling to cause them any worry and later Ernie and Archie Zimmermann both knocked up a few. The one man missing might have made all the difference between success and failure as when the ninth wicket fell their total was only five short of Recreio's and Baxter was still batting.



Freshwater, who scored the "dancers" try and converted it, and Muggerside were prominent for Middlesex.

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## COLONY TENNIS REMINDER

It is notified that entries for the Colony tennis championships, under the auspices of Hong Kong Cricket Club, close on Saturday.

Intending competitors are asked to forward their entries without delay to the Cricket Club. Attention is further drawn to the fact that all surplus funds in connection with the tournament, after expenses have been deducted, will be donated to the "S.C.M.P." Bomber Fund.



# R.A.F. KEEPS UP ITS ATTACKS ACROSS CHANNEL

## SNOWS HOLD UP ATTACKS

Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to despatches from the front quoted by Athens radio yesterday.

The Greeks, however, maintain the initiative in minor engagements and patrol activity, and some prisoners belonging to Alpine units have been captured.

The Italians have taken no initiative either on land or sea. British and Greek aircraft have been very active in the battle zone.

It is stated that Italian officers captured confirm that the Black Shirts systematically fire on their own advanced infantry in order to prevent their retreating.

Athens radio also stated that an order of the Day by the general in command of the Italian 11th Army contained the following: "We must attack and not merely counter-attack."—Reuter.

## WEYGAND RETURNS TO ALGIERS

GENERAL WEYGAND ARRIVED AT ALGIERS BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A FORTNIGHT'S TOUR OF FRENCH WEST AFRICA.—REUTER.

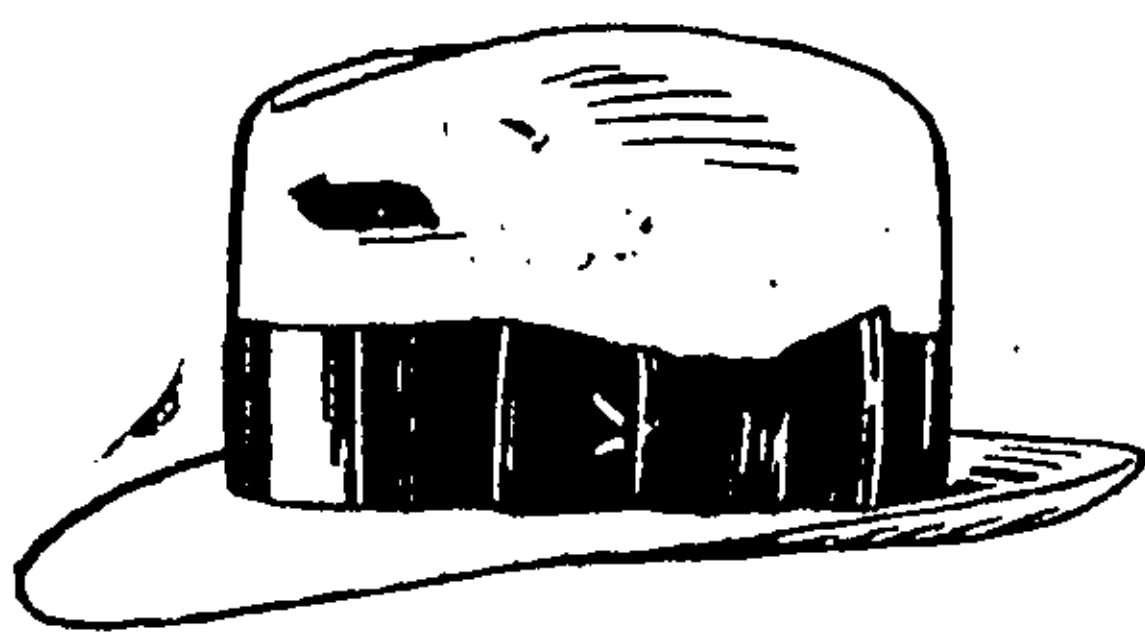


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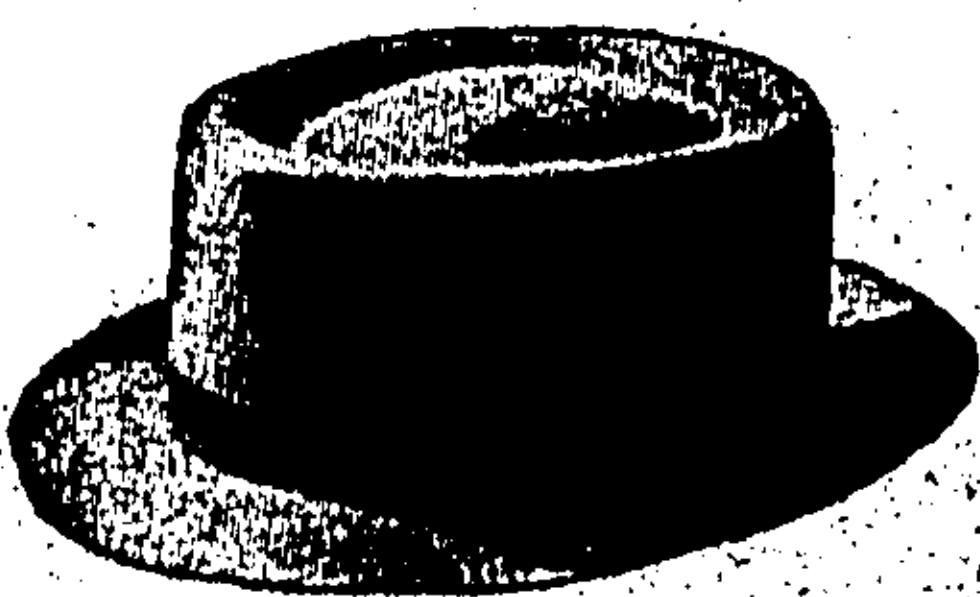


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## Daylight Attack On Calais Docks

**FOR THE SECOND DAY in succession R.A.F. bombers and fighters have taken part in an important offensive over the Channel and Northern France.**

It is described in an Air Ministry communique issued last night, which says: "This afternoon a squadron of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Calais, while fighters carried out an offensive trip over the Channel and Northern France."

"There was considerable anti-aircraft gunfire but very few enemy aircraft were encountered. "At Calais hits were observed on the quayside and jetty of the tidal harbour. "One fighter aircraft is missing from this operation."—Reuter.

### Attempted German Raid Beaten Off

British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight yesterday and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

The alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft yesterday, mainly over coastal districts in Kent and East Anglia, said the Air Ministry last night.

The communique adds that damage caused was slight but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties.—Reuter.

## FRENCH EMPIRE IN ARMS

"Despite its sufferings the French Empire will again take up arms," declared General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French movement, to 100 French-Canadian officers whose guest at dinner he was yesterday.

The defeat last year was due to bad preparation in face of new methods of warfare and was no disgrace, and that France did not accept defeat was shown by French troops, ships and planes continuing to fight.

A French-Canadian brigadier said the ancestors of the officers present went to Canada centuries ago and had never forgotten La Belle France.

"We will remain united till victory," he declared.—Reuter.

## ESPIONAGE ARRESTS IN NORWAY

Over 200 have been arrested in connection with an espionage case in Norway, according to reports received in Stockholm yesterday.

The authorities now believe they have broken up an extensive spy system in the west of Norway, where passive resistance was very strong.

The Bergen police chief has issued a stern warning against contravention of the orders regarding propaganda in favour of the King and the Royal Family. Sabotage persists despite severe penalties.

A German court martial at Bergen on Tuesday sentenced 10 Norwegians to death after a trial lasting three weeks.—Reuter.

## GREEK CAPTURES IN ALBANIA

**MATERIAL CAPTURED FROM THE ITALIANS BY THE GREEKS IN ALBANIA TO DATE, INCLUDES 130 FIELD GUNS, OVER 100 HEAVY GUNS, 1,500 MORTARS AND A VERY LARGE QUANTITY OF CARTRIDGES AND HAND GRENADES.**

This was announced yesterday by the official Greek news agency, which adds that much of this material is now being used against the Italians.

It has already been announced that Italian prisoners number over 20,000.—Reuter.

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## GERMAN INVASION OF BULGARIA REPORTED

### BERLIN SILENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports from Sofia state that 12,000 German troops have invaded Bulgaria from the Dobrudja district of Rumania. All efforts to obtain confirmation by contacting Sofia on the telephone from Berlin failed.

It is stated that the German troops entered Bulgaria over one of the Danube River bridges in South Dobrudja.

A Belgrade despatch states that the troops entered Bulgaria from two places and that the crossing began at midnight.

It is believed that 120,000 other German troops will march on Bulgaria from several points through Rumania.

#### Berlin Denies Knowledge

Berlin authoritative quarters disclaim all knowledge of the alleged reports that German troops have invaded Bulgaria from Rumania or that German staff officers in civilian clothes are in Bulgaria.

These quarters point out, however, that British agents have been arrested in Sofia and indicated that Britain intended to sabotage relations between Germany and Bulgaria.—International News Service.

### HUGE U.S. DEFENCE OUTLAY

An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy, is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa.

THE NAVY SHARE OF THIS EXPENDITURE—\$838,000,000—ALSO COVERS THE INITIAL COST OF CONSTRUCTING 400 SUBMARINE CHASERS AND OTHER SMALL CRAFT AND WILL ENABLE THE DELIVERY BY THE END OF 1943 OF 53 MORE DESTROYERS THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

Bulk of the Army's \$695,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonments and other housing projects.—Reuter.

## Vanguard Of 12,000 Mentioned: No Confirmation

A MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK FROM BELGRADE LAST NIGHT STATED THAT 12,000 GERMAN MOTORISED TROOPS INVADED BULGARIA ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

### FRENCH UNDER JAP PRESSURE

The French Government is still hesitating to make its attitude clear on the Japanese compromise proposal for settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute, stated Japanese observers in Tokyo last night.

It was added that the Japanese Government is not only keeping a close eye on any interference by third powers but is determined, pending a French reply, to take appropriate steps for the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia.

While official circles declined to say whether the compromise

A report from Sofia said the troops crossed the Danube in the region near Chernavoda.

There is no authoritative confirmation yet although all information indicates that German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are far advanced.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the Commons yesterday when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

#### Bulgaria Warned?

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed

was a final or a tentative offer, the observers stated they believed it was final.

THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED WITH THE STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH THAILAND AND FRANCE WOULD MAKE THEIR REPLIES BEFORE SATURDAY.—REUTER.

### MR. EDEN'S TALKS IN TURKEY

THE CALLS WHICH Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill paid yesterday afternoon in Ankara were mainly for the purpose of making contacts.

The statesmen and generals will begin the real business to-day when they review the position of the Balkans and the Mediterranean as it affects Britain and Turkey.

The close contact which the British Ambassador has maintained with Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, the recent visit of a British military mission and their discussions with the Turkish General Staff, had prepared the ground.

Mr. Eden will not so much initiate talks as carry on the discussions which have been pro-

ceeding for some time. The visit of the British Foreign Secretary and the Chief of Imperial General Staff is causing considerable concern among the German colony in Ankara.

The Germans are declaring that Britain is attempting to put pressure on the Turks but this assertion is denied in the Turkish press.—Reuter.

### DODECANESE ISLAND OCCUPIED

A joint Admiralty and War Office communique announces that Castel Oritzo, a small Italian Dodecanese island with a seaplane base in the eastern Mediterranean, was occupied by our forces on Tuesday.—British Wireless.

### MIXED FEELINGS

THE REPORT THAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE WARNED JAPAN AGAINST FURTHER SOUTHWARD EXPANSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN CHUNGKING WITH MIXED FEELINGS.

While some quarters regard the move as a strong warning to Japan and attach great importance to the fact that parallel action has been taken by Britain and the United States, the influential daily "Ta Kung Pao" expresses the fear that Britain and America lack the determination to check Japan.—Reuter.



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# Imperial Forces Closing In On All East African Fronts

## MATSUOKA OFFER TO MOSCOW

Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of the Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier; Rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and Modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth (which ended the Russo-Japanese War in 1904) placing Japanese economic privileges on Saghalien and fishing rights in Soviet waters on a purely commercial basis.

The correspondent emphasises the significance of Japanese circles canvassing a pact involving unilateral concessions from Japan to Russia.

He adds that these suggestions seem to imply a postponement of Japanese southward expansion making that expansion subordinate to an agreement with the Soviet. —Reuter.

## EASTERN GROUP SUPPLIES

At question time in the Indian Assembly yesterday the Government spokesman said the newly appointed Eastern Group Supply Council, formed as a result of the Eastern Group Conference, would broadly speaking receive demands for supplies from overseas forces and governments of the Eastern Group countries and have them met, if possible, within the Eastern Group.

The Council would work through the governments of the various countries concerned. Its decisions were not mandatory to the Government of India nor would they be placed before the Assembly for discussion in case they were accepted by the Government of India. —Reuter.

## Pincer Operations Against Keren Make Good Progress

### AUSTRALIA BUILDING MERCHANTMEN

Senator McBride, Australian Minister of Supply, announced in Sydney yesterday that the Federal Government would begin immediately the building of merchant ships. —Reuter.

### RUSSIA AND RUMANIA TALK TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND RUMANIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING DURING THE PAST YEAR, ENDED YESTERDAY WITH THE SIGNING OF A TRADE AND SHIPPING AGREEMENT AND AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING GOODS AND PAYMENTS.

This is according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

An exchange of goods to the value of \$8,000,000 is foreseen in the first treaty year.

Rumania will deliver chiefly naptha and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese. —Reuter.

### TEA QUOTA CUT

The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2½ per cent to 90 per cent for the next control year ending March 31, 1942, says Reuter from London.

**FURTHER PROGRESS** by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself local activity continues.

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area and further south are causing the evacuation of more Italian forts.

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops on Tuesday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing.

"In the Gelib area prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 886 colonial troops."

A South African formation captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth and made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

### Night March In Desert

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by a Gold Coast regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communications between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

The Gold Coast brigade which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across the Juba, completed the operation and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000, while in addition many enemy who escaped to the bush are now returning and surrendering.

### Waving White Flags

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along the beach

30 miles from Juba waved white flags in token of their desire to surrender.

Large quantities of guns and ammunition were captured.

The South African Air Force cooperated in the capture of Gelib, machine-gunning enemy transport which was trying to escape.

A bombardment of enemy positions and dumps further along the coast was successfully carried out by the Navy. —Reuter.

## TARANTO SUCCESS CONFIRMED

Damage done to the Italian fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto, as announced by the Admiralty, has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class has apparently been abandoned as a total loss.

Another vessel of this class and a Vittoria class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action.

There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by an aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or regarding two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water. —Reuter.

## SOMALILAND CAPITAL FALLS: MAJOR STROKE

"ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS of miles of valueless and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardafui, capture of the capital of Italian Somaliland is a major stroke in the coastal offensive," runs a cable received in London from Nairobi last night.

It continues: "From Mogadiscio two all-weather roads, considered equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run one northwards towards the Djibouti railway and Hafar and the other westwards to Lugh.

"The final collapse of the Juba front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defensive in the face of mobile forces.

"By a series of rapid feints the defenders were bewildered and pontoons easily countered the value of bridgeheads.

"News that the enemy was across the river against all expectation and was making mushroom incursions into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale.

"All forces share the glory of the success.

"The King's African Rifles captured Libbe, Afmadu and Kismayu, and cut off the Gelib garrison from Brava.

### Garrison Captured

"The Gold Coast Regiment captured Bullo Erillo and forced the Juba River at Taveta Island, capturing Brava and cutting off Gelib from the north.

"South Africans captured Gobwen, Jumbo and Gelib with its garrison, while East Africans and West Africans shared in the taking of the capital." — Reuter.

## NAZI NAVAL MAN KILLED

ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN U-BOAT COMMANDERS OF THE LAST WAR, VICE-ADMIRAL LOTHAR DE LA PERIERE, A GERMAN NAVAL COMMANDER FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORY, MET WITH A FATAL ACCIDENT ON MONDAY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Grand Fleet, yesterday paid a warm tribute to the dead man, whom he declared "was honoured by friend and foe alike." — Reuter.





# INVASION NOW LESS IMMINENT

View Of America's Chief Of General Staff

## Admiral Stark And Willkie Scheme

**INVASION IS LESS IMMINENT THAN A YEAR AGO, IN THE OPINION OF GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, UNITED STATES CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF.**

This, and other views on the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy, were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy. Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative. He worked on the basis of getting ready at the earliest possible moment.

### Favourable Speed

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at a "very favourable speed."

Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that the transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by Mr. Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do to-morrow or the next day under present world conditions. 'Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material.'—Reuter.

## BOSPHORUS BLAZE MYSTERY

A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus, was reported in an Istanbul telegram to the Stefani agency in Rome yesterday.

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats.

It was only after prolonged efforts that firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened. —Reuter.

## KUNMING HEAVILY BOMBED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Thirty Japanese aircraft bombed Kunming yesterday.

Huge conflagrations were started by incendiary bombs in the south-east part of the city, and these were still burning last night.

The majority of the people residing in these areas had been evacuated and fortunately there were only a few casualties.—Our Own Correspondent, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

## INDIAN DEPORTEE "FADES OUT"

The Police are endeavouring to locate an Indian deportee from America who arrived in the Colony in the S.S. President Coolidge on January 14.

The man, Sohan Singh, 34, was on his way to India and was temporarily put up at the Sikh Temple in Wanchai Gap Road pending the departure of a ship to India.

He left the Temple on Monday and has not been seen since.

## HOPE OF END TO INDIA POLITICAL DEADLOCK

THE HOPE THAT in a very short time the political deadlock would be resolved and that, with India's willing support, Britain would promptly defeat her enemies, was expressed by the general secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, premier Hindu communal organisation and counterpart of the Muslim League, speaking in Madras yesterday.

## CAUTIOUS MR. HULL

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State in the United States Cabinet, is known far and wide as an extremely cautious speaker. Striving always for scientific accuracy, he so qualifies every statement that he is the despair of reporters in Press conferences. His extreme care in statement is best exemplified by this tale told of him:—

One day he was riding on a train, when a friend pointed out of the window to a fine flock of sheep grazing in a field.

"Look. Those sheep have been

The secretary, who is having discussions with a number of leading politicians, declared the Mahasabha had already decided to take advantage of the situation and help in the militarisation and industrialisation of India.

Therefore it felt at one with the British Government in the matter of the defence of India. The Mahasabha all over the country had been ordered to speed up Hindu militarisation boards and take up the work in right earnest.

Intensive propaganda would be carried out to support the recruitment of Hindu youths for the army, navy, air force, also to maintain contact with recruiting officers. —Reuter.

sheared," said the friend. Hull studied the sheep. "Sheared on this side, anyway," he admitted.

## STRAITS PUBLIC SUBSCRIBES FIVE MILLIONS

A total of Straits \$5,000,000 was reached yesterday by the publicly subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F., says Reuter.

## SWEDISH DEFENCE BUDGET

The Swedish Parliament yesterday adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93,000,000 kroner for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs. —Reuter.

## GERMAN ADVISER TALE AGAIN

A contingent of over 80 German and Italian military advisers has arrived at Hainan Island, off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports in Shanghai.

It is stated they are being organised into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports allege that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft-carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongkin Bay and adjoining islands.

Ninety thousand fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan. —Reuter.

## VIGOROUS BRITISH PROTEST AGAINST RUMANIAN PERFDY

**BRITAIN HAS ENTERED a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.**

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons yesterday when he characterised the action as a violation of international law.

On January 31, he added, the competent Rumanian authorities informed the Chilean Legation who were in charge of Polish interests, in Rumania, that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest.

Only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss.

### Would Not Forget

Sir Reginald Hoare, our Minister, immediately expressed the strongest disapproval of this attitude.

Subsequently, on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

### Delayed, But —

When the British Minister left Bucharest it was understood that the Rumanian Government had, at least temporarily, delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Sir William Davison (Cons. South Kensington) declared there would be warm satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest.—Reuter.

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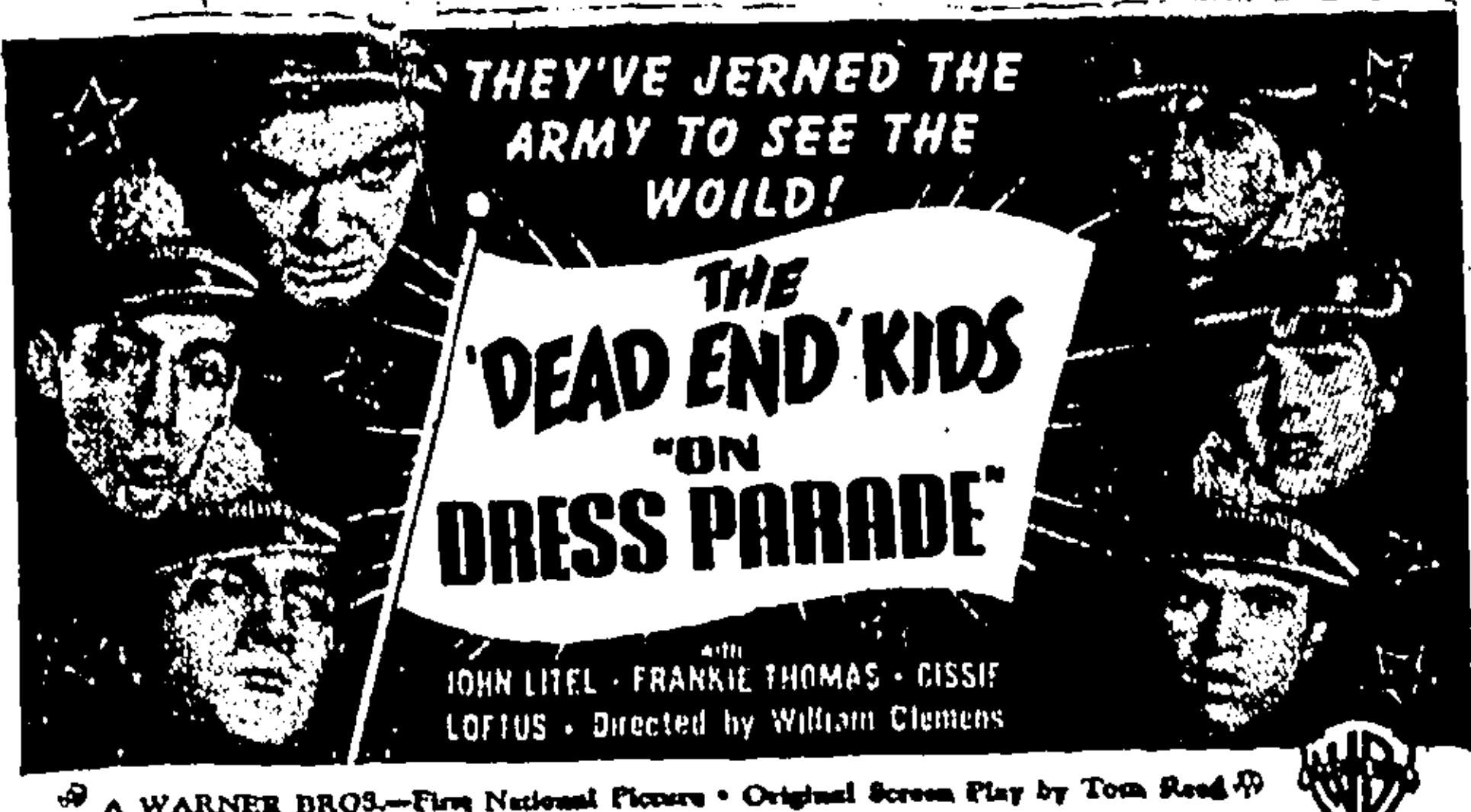
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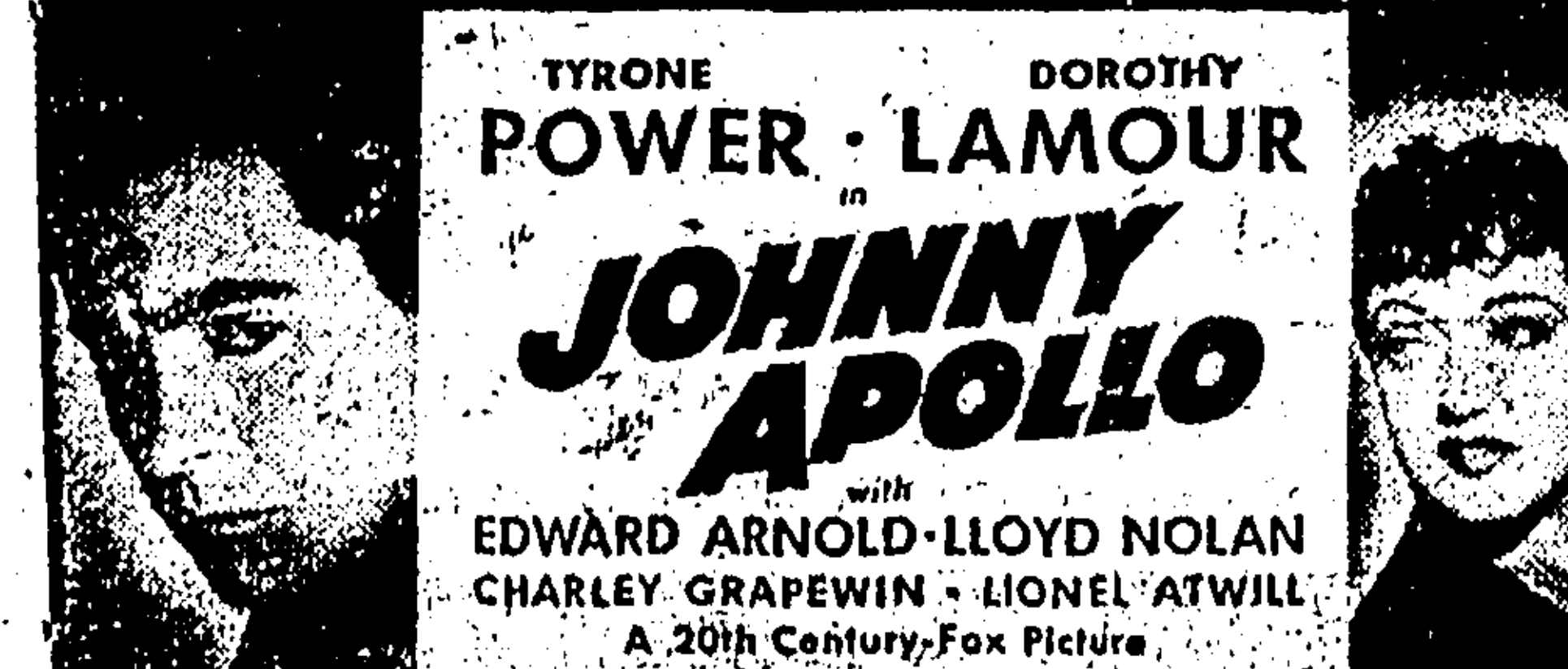
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# BURMA RD. BOMBING: LIKE WATER ON A DUCK'S BACK

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent  
in Lashio)

**AIR ATTACK CAN NEVER SERIOUSLY IMPEDE THE STEADY FLOW OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE BURMA ROAD. THAT IS THE CONCLUSION I HAVE REACHED AFTER A 10-DAY TRIP ALONG THE ROAD IN A CONVOY OF 10 LORRIES.**

It has been damaged by Japanese bombs but a ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily, and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on empty petrol drums and is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry.

The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks.

Even if this simple ferry were damaged, another could speedily be prepared.

## Effective System

The Burma road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslide and flood but the Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past 12 months, and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady flow of traffic.

## 160 Trucks Daily

When the road was first re-opened about 40 trucks daily left Burma for China, carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey, but by the middle of January 160 trucks went through daily, carrying 450 tons.

The completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.—Reuter.

## MARCHING BY SIDE OF BRITAIN

The Palestine Arab newspaper "Touqan" wrote yesterday that the Arab shares with the sons of Britain feelings regarding political facts and issues.

The Arab observes that the policy of the dictator powers is based on despotism and tyranny and notices that British policy is founded on mutual respect and striving to help weak nations to rise and prosper.

Arabs are well aware that nationalism can neither grow nor exist under a dictatorial regime, where thoughts and actions are permeated with the idea of racial superiority, driving them to annihilate nationalism.

Arabs feel it is in their interest to march side by side with Britain in this war, offering all help available in the glorious struggle, bearing in mind that Democracy is consistent with the principles of the Arabs and Islam.—Reuter.

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## LOYALS EMBRACE MOUSTACHE RAISING

More than 30 per cent. of the officers and men of the Loyal Regiment in Singapore (the Battalion was in Shanghai previously) are beginning to look fierce. They are responding to a wish by their commanding officer, Lieut. Col. M. Elrington, that "all ranks shall cease to shave the upper lip."

The morning shave at Gillman Barracks has been accompanied by closer looks into the mirror for everybody competed for the prize offered by the commanding officer to the best-looking moustache grown by a certain date.

The task of tackling a moustache tickled the troops. They responded wholeheartedly to the wish of their commanding officer.

Some are beginning to look like Hitler — only a little kinder.

One private declared proudly, "Yes, I'm beginning to get one now — it's not much to look at, admittedly, but it's growing and competing for that prize."

"Oh," he went on, "you should see the Drum-Major's. It's a beauty."

Officers are setting an example to the men, and some have reared either trim or bushy affairs.

The subalterns took extra care over their moustaches too, for the adjutant of the regiment offered a prize for the best exhibit among them. — Reuter.

## LONDON BOY'S HEROISM

"I am all right; never mind me: save my daddy," pleaded a 12-year-old boy while rescue workers were tunnelling under his bomb-wrecked home to free him, writes a London reporter.

The boy, Leonard Price, who had been sleeping under the dining-room table, was rescued unhurt.

He had been buried for an hour and a half.

As soon as he was got out Leonard helped the rescue squad to locate his father, and removed some of the debris.

The father was found dead under the fallen masonry.

Mrs. Price was sleeping in an Anderson shelter, and escaped injury.

Several other people, including a Home Guard, whose houses were demolished, lost their lives.

"I have never seen a boy with so much courage as Leonard," a warden told the reporter.

"We did not realise that anyone was trapped in the house until we heard his cries for help."

"We thought they were all in a shelter in the garden."

## Saved By A Table

A kitchen table saved the life of Mrs. R. Goody when her South-West London home collapsed under a bomb explosion.

"She was asleep under the table when the house was completely destroyed by blast," Mrs. Goody's daughter-in-law later told a reporter.

"The table acted as a shelter and supported the whole weight of the wreckage so that she wasn't even injured."

"A neighbour helped her to burrow her way out. He pulled the rafters away from the top while she pushed from below. Between them they made a sort of tunnel through which she crawled to safety."

The bomb—a heavy one—killed two people, injured others, and severely damaged a number of houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were bombed out of their home into which they had moved only a few hours before.

Salvage squads dug out people buried among wreckage.

Seventeen-year-old Eric Evans was pinned to his bed by fallen rafters and buried under two feet of dust and debris.

"He was unconscious when we got him out," said one of the rescuers, "but we managed to revive him, and he is all right."

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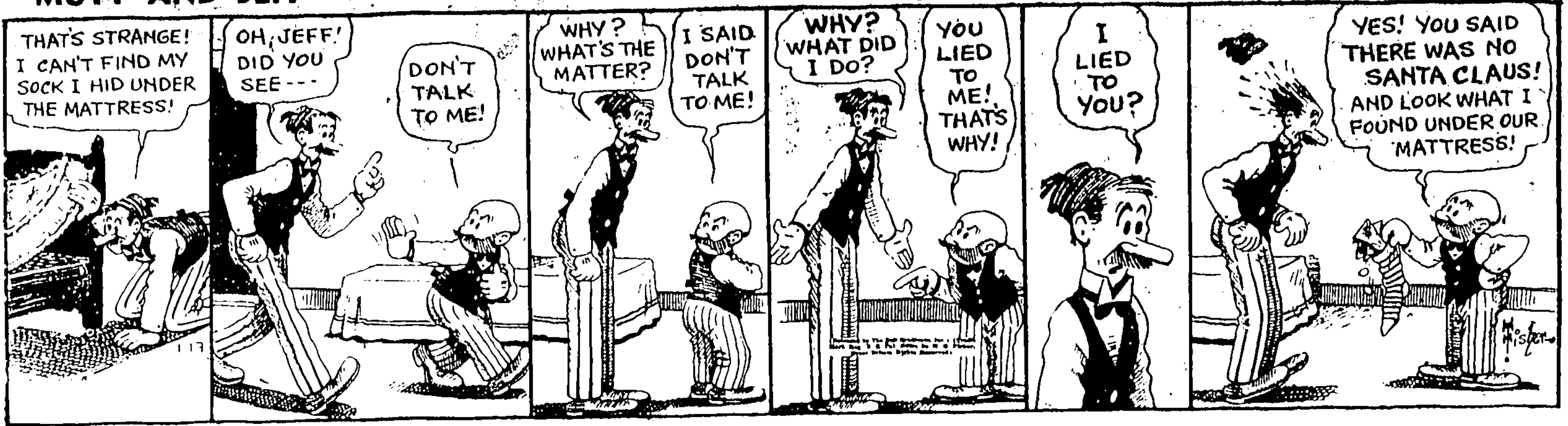
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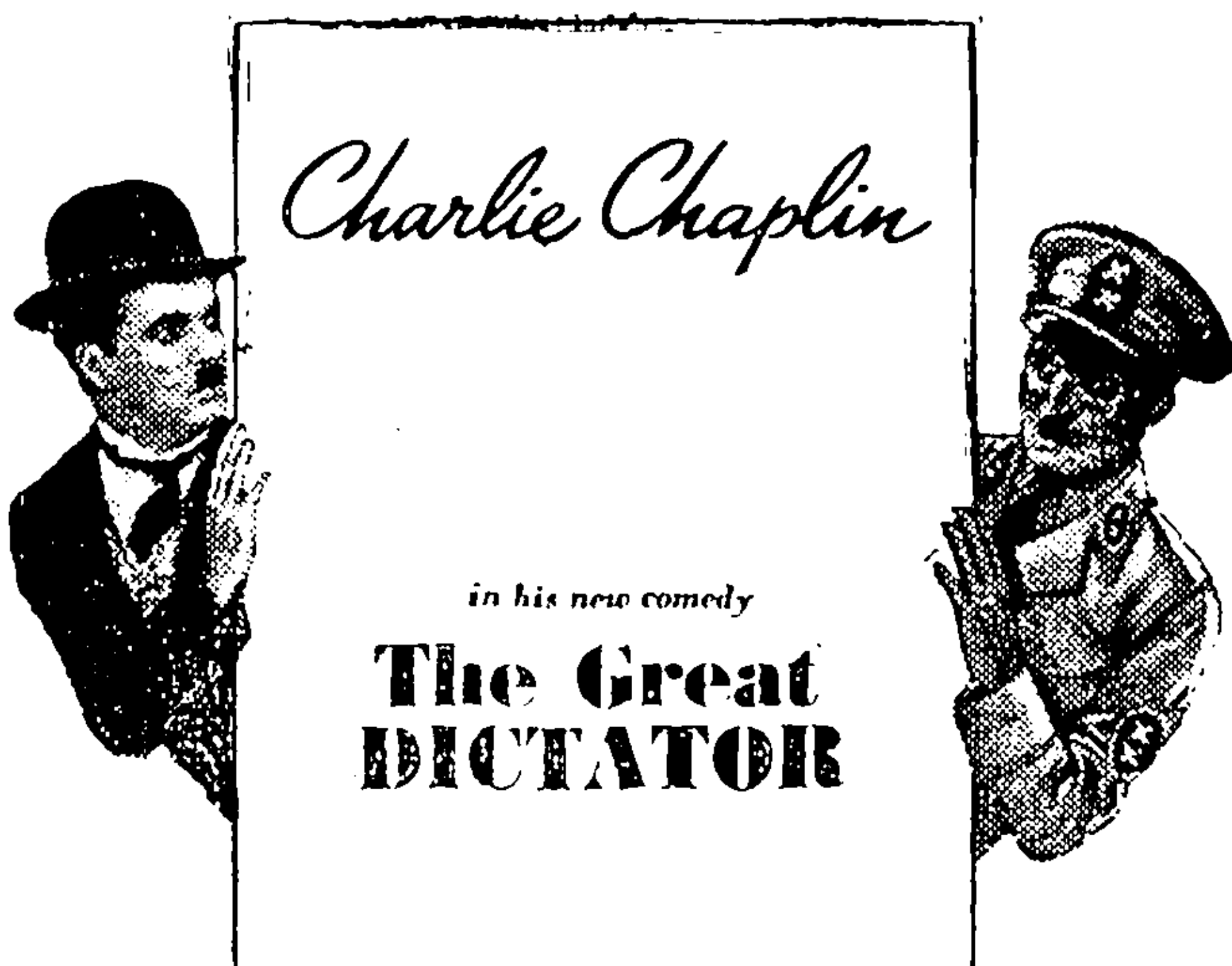
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By BUD FISHER



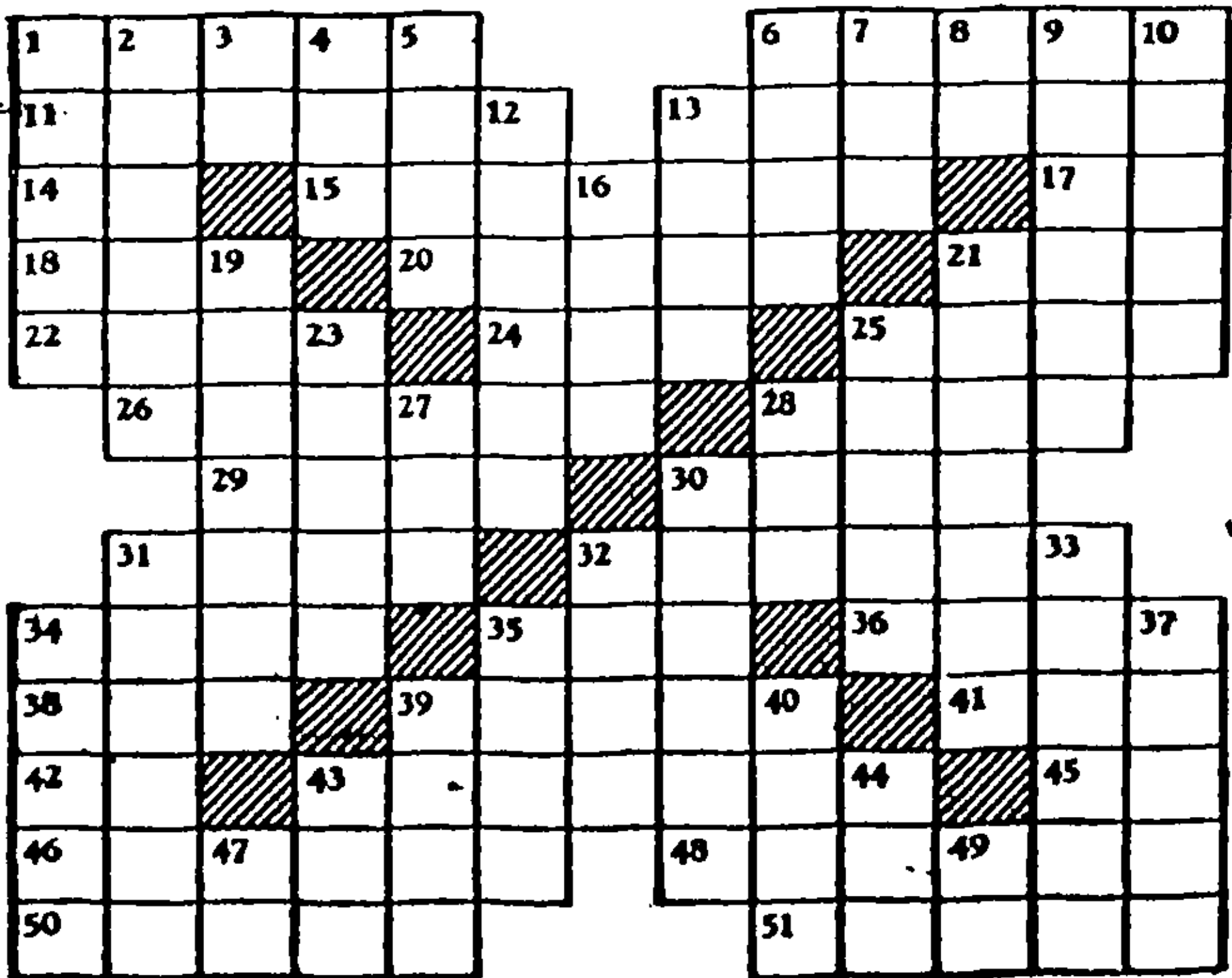
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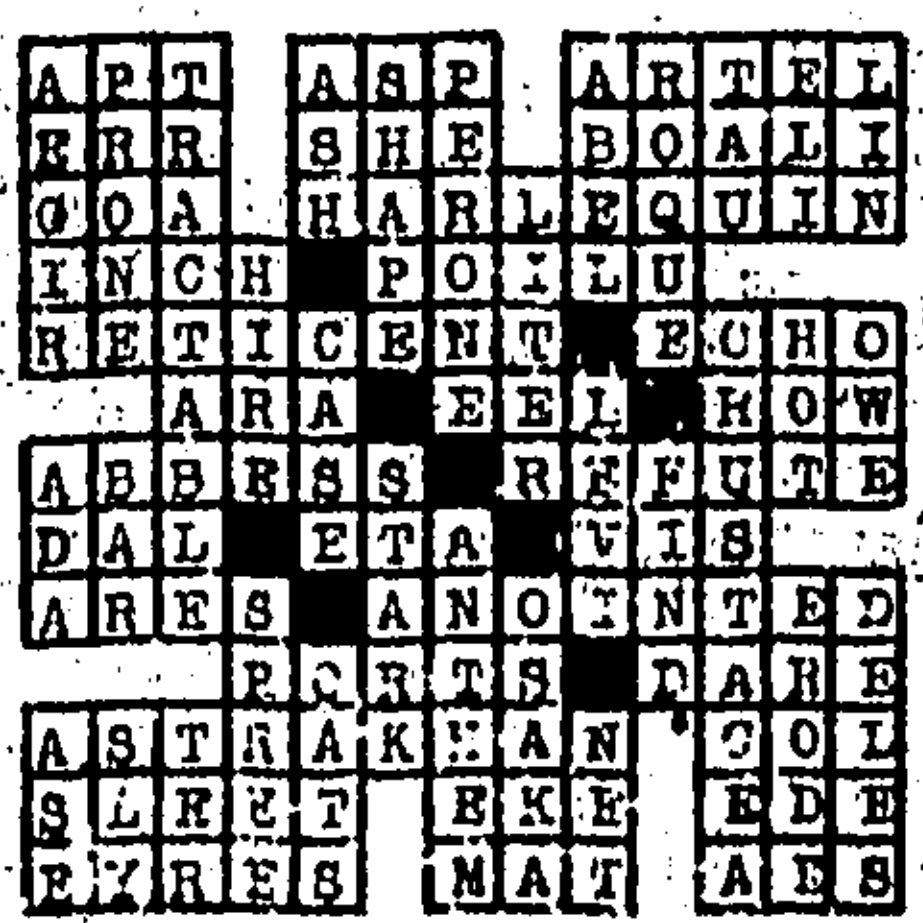
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Former French capital
- 4 Contract
- 11 Forge
- 13 Large flat-fish
- 14 Chinese measure
- 15 Apparent
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 High mountain
- 20 Unaccompanied
- 21 Soft substance
- 22 Calf meat
- 24 Parcel of land
- 25 Speed contest
- 26 Three-legged stool
- 28 Nothing more than
- 29 To pack
- 30 Palm tree
- 31 Merriment
- 32 Grave robbers
- 34 Nobleman
- 35 Wing
- 36 Network
- 38 Some
- 39 To turn inside out
- 41 Split pulse

## VERTICAL

- 1 Caucasian tribe
- 2 Good-luck charm
- 3 Japanese measure
- 4 Pronoun
- 5 African tree
- 6 Geometrical design
- 7 Unit of work
- 8 Hebrew month

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## SHANGHAI MAN DIED IN R.A.F. ACCIDENT

Details have now reached Shanghai about the death of Pilot-Officer W. E. Holland on December 10 while flying as an instructor with the R.A.F. He was about to land at Hatfield aerodrome, in Hertfordshire, in a Gypsy Moth training machine when another plane landed on top of him, and all four occupants of the two planes were killed. Mr. Holland was buried in the R.A.F. corner of St. Alban's Cemetery on December 14, among the officers present being Mr. Maurice d'Alton, formerly of Tientsin, who is now with the R.A.F.

The unfortunate accident occurred just ten days after "Bill" Holland had joined his squadron as an instructor. He was well-known and liked in Shanghai, being a member of many local clubs. He was one of the founder members of the local Royal Air Force Association, leaving to join up with the R.A.F. on July 3, 1940, when he was given a rousing send-off party by the club.

Mr. Holland saw wide service with the flying corps in the last war, first joining in 1916. By a curious coincidence he received his early training as a pilot at Hatfield aerodrome, where he was killed twenty-five years later. He joined a fighter squadron in 1916, and was wounded in 1917, after which he was made an instructor at Northolt, finishing with the rank of major in 1919. He was regarded as one of the finest flying instructors in England when he left the R.A.F. after the war, and his application to serve again in this capacity in 1940 was eagerly accepted by the Air Ministry.

He continued his flying activities when he came out to China in 1920. He flew the first Chinese made aeroplane at Lungwha aerodrome, and took the first aerial photographs ever to be made of Shanghai. When he left Shanghai again Holland was particularly anxious to see active service with the R.A.F. but was not permitted to serve, owing to his age.

## COURT IGNORES DOVER SHELLS

Shells from German long-range guns on the French coast fell near the court in which Dover Quarter Sessions were being held but they did not interrupt the proceedings.

There were only two cases on the Calendar, involving three youths accused of breaking into evacuated premises and stealing property.

The oak-panelled court had a wartime atmosphere. The clerk wore the uniform of a 2nd lieutenant, and a man on the jury in one of the cases was in A.F.S. uniform.

The Dover area was shelled for three hours—from 9 a.m. to noon. The bombardment started in brilliant sunshine, although a sea mist over the Channel hid the gun flashes.

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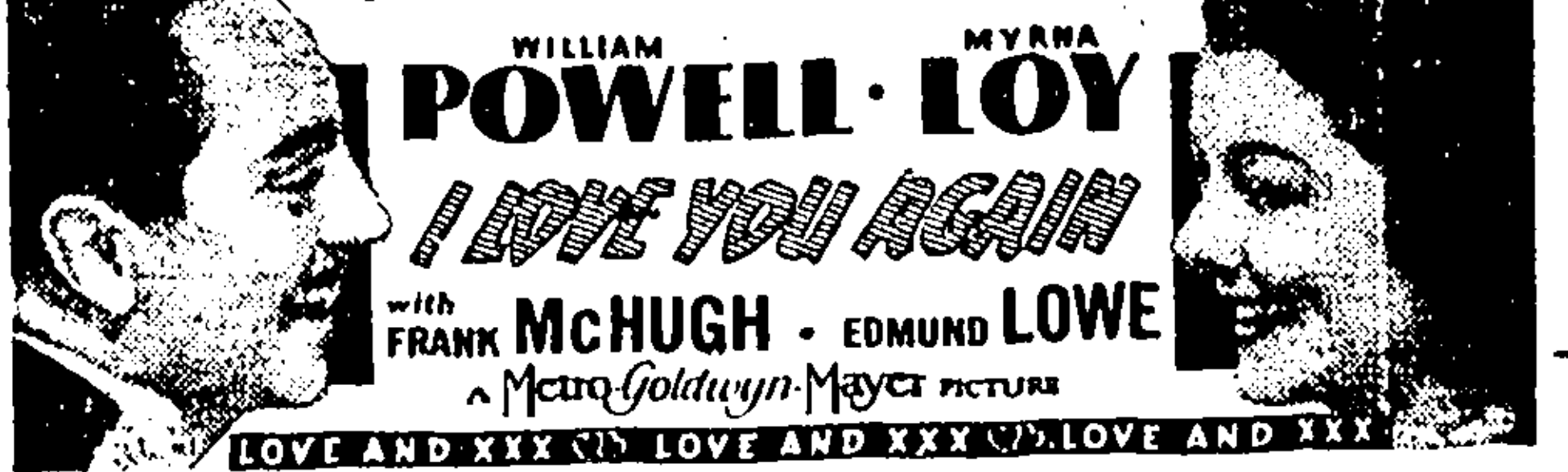
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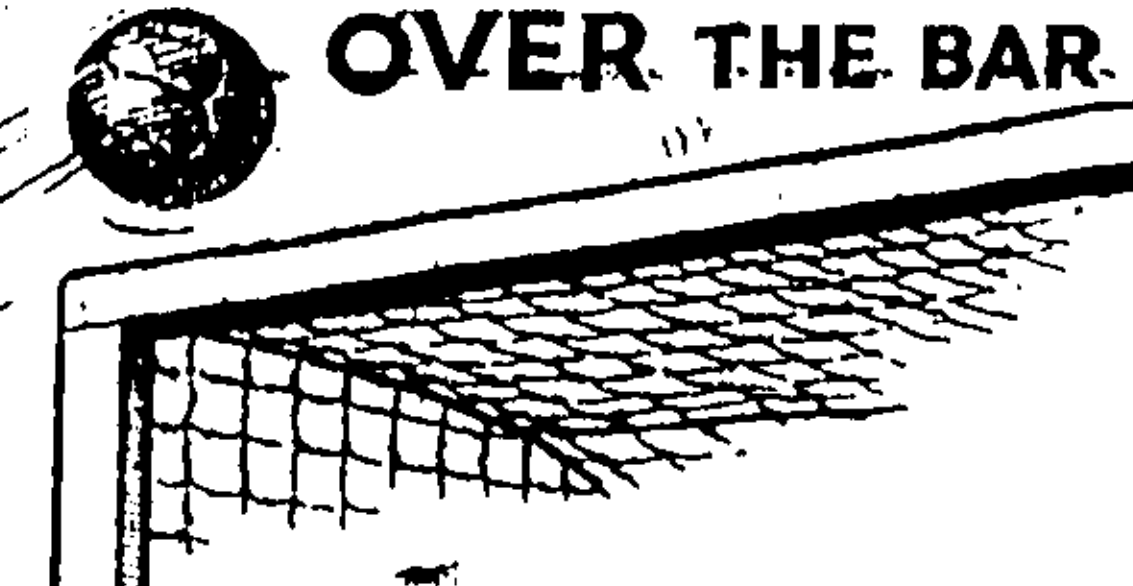
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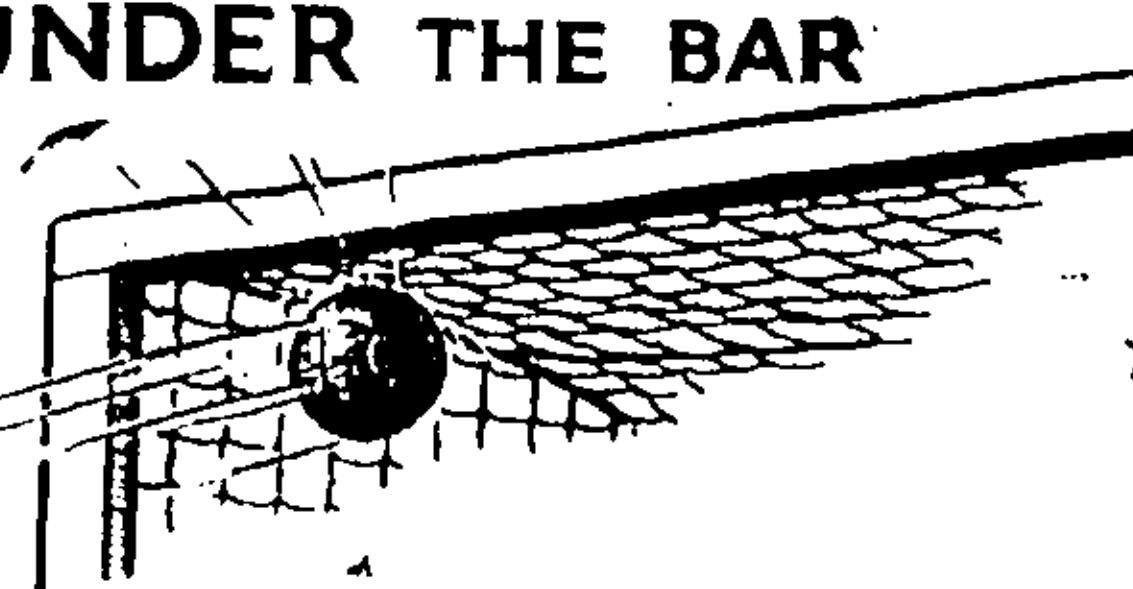
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# FRENCH SUFFERINGS UNDER NAZI HEEL

**INTERESTING INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE IS CONTAINED IN LENGTHY CORRESPONDENCE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE CHUNGKING "TA KUNG PAO."**

A letter published by the paper stated: "Although France to-day is not at war, the sufferings of her people far surpass conditions when France was at war.

"People begin to wonder what they are suffering for. They are willing to undergo hardships if they themselves are fighting.

"German troops in occupied France are estimated at 80 divisions, or approximately 1,600,000 men. They are clothed, fed and housed in France.

"French factories are turning out aeroplanes and guns for Germany, which is also collecting and transporting all farm products back to Germany.

"Millions of unredeemable marks are circulated in France for the purpose of French products. Letters and telegrams between occupied and unoccupied France are forbidden.

## Clothing Shortage

"The clothing shortage in occupied France is acute, there being no new shipments of materials, particularly woollen goods. In winter, shops are only displaying summer and spring clothing.

"German troops have bought up all silk stockings and cosmetics which have been sent back to Germany.

"Food is rationed, each person being allowed daily 350 grammes of bread. No meat is permitted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the remaining four days each person is allowed 60 grammes of meat.

"Oil is rationed at 100 grammes weekly and sugar at 500 grammes monthly. Pork cannot be found since the Germans are said to be particularly fond of it. All pigs are shipped to Germany.

"There are 1,838,000 residents in Paris. There is no housing shortage but no coal is making the winter unendurable.

"A strict black-out is enforced throughout the occupied territories."—*Reuter.*

## FILMING THE WAR

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION STATED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT ON LAND ACCREDITED NEWS-REEL CAMERAMAN AND CAMERAMAN OF THE ARMY FILM UNIT COVER ALL IMPORTANT OPERATIONS.

At sea, it has so far been possible to cover almost all major operations by accrediting news-reel cameramen to the chief shore commands and stationing a few film photographers on particular ships.

Unfortunately, in the case of the bombardment of Genoa, a cameraman was unavoidably prevented from being present.

In the air the problem of accommodation is especially difficult but efforts were made to secure as full a film record of the air war as circumstances permit.—*British Wireless.*

## WEYGAND RETURNS TO ALGIERS

GENERAL WEYGAND ARRIVED AT ALGIERS BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A FORT-NIGHT'S TOUR OF FRENCH WEST AFRICA. — *REUTER.*

## Suspense Peters Out

Two or three R.A.F. Intelligence officers examining Italian aircraft abandoned at Bardia suddenly found themselves hemmed in by hundreds of Italians.

The story, however, as told in an Air Ministry news bulletin, peters out sadly—as far as the Italians were concerned.

The crowd rushed up to them with pieces of white paper in hats or waving white handkerchiefs and other white objects.

"When I asked them where they were going," said an R.A.F. officer who speaks Italian fluently, "they replied they were searching round to join a column of men who had given themselves up.

"They were afraid someone would shoot at them as they made their way along the wadi to join the prisoners' column.

"I had to assure them they would be all right if they just went along and surrendered." — *British Wireless.*

## EGYPTIAN ENVOY CHATS WITH M.P.'S

THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY ADDRESSED A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING OF MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COL. ARTHUR EVANS, M.P., AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The meeting was arranged by the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and is one of a number of similar gatherings planned in the hope of affording private expert guidance on aspects of the war and repercussions.

The Egyptian Ambassador dealt at length with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, the Egyptian position in relation to the war and the future of Egypt. — *British Wireless.*

## A WAR WEAPONS WEEK RECORD

The National Savings Committee announces that Elland (Yorkshire) raised by its War Weapon Week £650,034 compared with an aim of £250,000.

The result represents £33/15/5d per head of the 19,247 population, and is a new record, the previous best being £20/9/10d at Halifax, Yorkshire.

Other results announced are Newport (Monmouth), £894,115, and Rushden, £408,043.—*British Wireless.*

## FOOD CONTROL BOARD FOR MACAO

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A Food Control Board is to be instituted in Macao. It was learned last night that details of the organisation and powers of the Board are under discussion.

The Macao Government received telegraphic instructions from Lisbon yesterday, sanctioning the setting up of the Board. — *Our Own Correspondent.*

## MERELY AT BEGINNING OF TASK

Devastation in Britain is much less than the world has been led to believe, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking in London yesterday.

The Germans would never win the war by knocking over houses, he added. They could not win till they had knocked over the spirit of the British people.

The Empire was merely at the beginning of the task facing it, but Mr. Menzies expressed satisfaction at the Australian war effort.

Over 400,000 people were producing munitions and there would be nearly 600,000 before the end of the year.

Altogether 75 firms were making machine-tools compared with five at the outbreak of war.

## At Peak

Aircraft production was so successful that Australia proposed to export elementary training machines to other Dominions by the middle of the year. They were also producing other types.

Achievements in the next 12 months would be three times that of the past year. Australia's contribution to victory would be at the peak when most needed. — *Reuter.*

## Strange Belief

Mr. Menzies spoke of the lunatic folly of the Nazis on which they based the strange belief, for which there was no warrant in history, that British women have no spirit or that British women have less courage than British men.

Mr. Menzies added: "Very many people in this city and in this country have said to me and other Australians, 'How marvellous it is that you Australians, all those thousands of miles away from us, should be doing what you are doing in this war.'

"This is a generous emotion but I have a grave intellectual quarrel with it. It is not marvellous that Australians should be doing what they are doing."

"If they were your fight and we were courageously helping you I should say that would be true but this is our fight just as much as it is yours."

"If there is one thing that is clear to every British citizen living in any part of the British world it is that your fight is mine and my fight is yours." — *British Wireless.*



# CHINA MAIL

## THE PARTNERS SPEAK

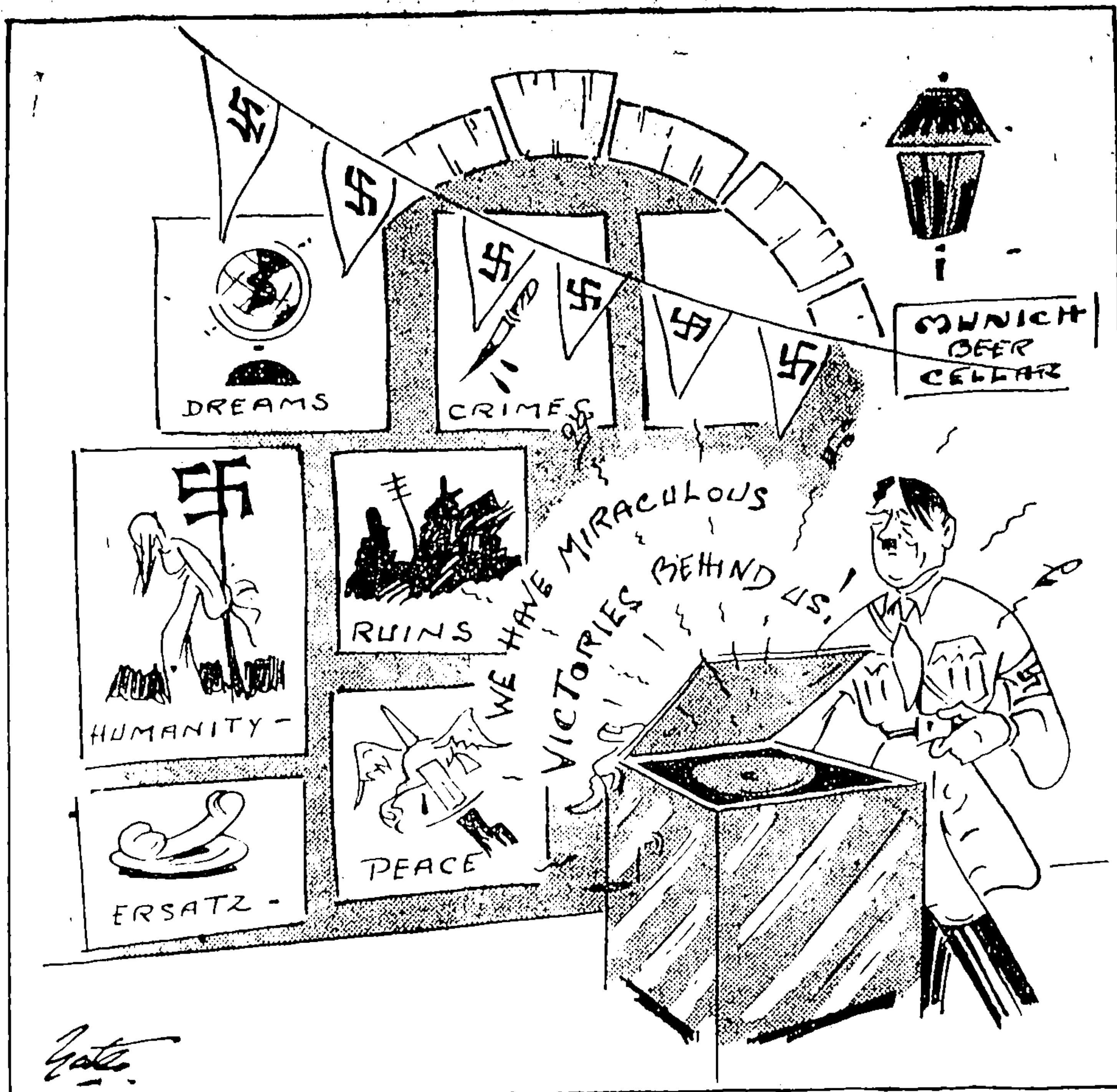
The two European Axis partners have spoken but it is extremely doubtful whether the most ardent Nazi or Fascist received any reassurance from what their leaders said. The Italians certainly did not. Mussolini's speech, which was, as he himself confessed, given reluctantly, was nothing more than a series of feeble excuses for Italy's downfall for which he alone is responsible. He put forward the argument that as Italy was unprepared for the war at the same time as she had already been at war for six years, her losses were understandable.

In the next breath he declared that Italy was supporting the weight of 2,000,000 soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery. He gave, indeed, some interesting figures of the great preparations which were made to capture Egypt and destroy British light in the Mediterranean area. He had, he said, 1,900 guns of all calibres and of the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11,000,000 artillery shells, more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars. These figures, outlining the careful preparations the Italians had made in Libya, are worth quoting as they not only refute his statements of "unpreparedness", but they also indicate the strength against which the British had to contend, and give an idea of the amount of "war materials" captured. His further plaintive complaint that Italy had always been obliged to fight her wars far afield was a gross misstatement as Albania cannot be considered far away. Mussolini, who constantly asserts that he is the spotless child of truth, can, when the occasion suits him, prevaricate as well as his partner in crime, who wrote in his book "Mein Kampf": "In the long run there is always a certain force of credibility."

Hitler's speech in which he kindly informed his listeners that he was "feeling more fresh than ever" was given on the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Nazi Party. It lasted one and a half hours, the greater part being occupied in retracing the growth of the Nazi party and incidentally, his own rise from the obscure rank of a disgruntled agitator, to his present position as unhappy figurehead of the German nation. Hitler's speech differed from Mussolini's only in the fact that the latter has already tasted the bitter fruit of defeat and was trying to soothe his people for his diplomatic failures and catastrophic military rebuffs, while the former spoke of the preparations Germany was making to defeat "Enemy No. 1" as Mussolini described the British people. There were, however, various points in Hitler's speech which call for comment, both on account of their inaccuracies, but also because of the facts which they were intended to conceal.

His talk of the Versailles Treaty, his protestations of innocence, his desire for justice have been repeated so often—they have become a formula in all his public utterances—that even the German people looking at Europe today must feel that these declarations of peaceful intentions are somewhat out of date, but here and there cautiously interpolated sentences hold the attention. One of these injected thoughts was embodied in his remark that "only a few fools could ever think of revolution in Germany. I have taken on," he added, "many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious." This strange reference to the state of mind developing in Germany is significant and hardly, one would think, necessary for a beloved leader to utter. Against whom was the threat directed? The Fuehrer then expressed the readiness of Germany to "measure our strength again." We like this word, "again". Was Hitler think-

## THE SAME OLD RECORD



AD NAUSEAM

# Empire Heroes East And West

British airmen operating against the Italians in the Middle East, as well as against the Nazis in Germany and occupied territory are included in the latest list of awards issued by the British Air Ministry. The airmen come from many parts of the Empire.

Major Robert Hemming Preller is the first South African pilot to be decorated in this war. He is serving in the Middle East and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. While operating over Italian territory his plane was hit and forced down. He was listed as lost. For fourteen days he tramped across the desert, suffering terrible hardship, but eventually staggered into the British lines. He gave directions which led to the rescue of his aircrew. His deed was one of great endurance.

Another pilot serving in the Middle East who has been awarded the D.F.C. is Acting Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell. He is in charge of a flying boat. He sank two Italian submarines in two days and machine-gunned a third because he had run short of bombs. He is known as "Dead Eye Dick."

While on patrol he sighted his first submarine and immediately set his plane into a dive. As he flattened out, he released his bombs. The submarine reared out of the water, nose first, like a stricken fish, and then slid back again vertically and sank from sight. All that remained was a patch of bubbles.

The following day he spotted a Italian submarine on the surface. Again he dived and before the crew realised they were being attacked, he had let go his bombs. They found a mark beside the conning tower. In spite of a rough sea and a gathering storm, Campbell taxied his flying boat with great skill among the wreckage of the submarine and rescued four of the crew. He then resumed his patrol and spotted a third submarine. Although he had no bombs left he dived to the

ing of his lost opportunities and his failure to win the first bout last September? These are a few of the chinks in Hitler's armour which show the world that he is not as invincible as he would like it to think. Possibly our Far East neighbour, Japan, will not fail to draw the necessary conclusion.

attack on two occasions and machine-gunned the boat. At the end of the day he returned to his base and handed over his prisoners. In the announcement of the award it is stated that Acting Flight Lieutenant Campbell had shown "skill, initiative and devotion to duty."

Flight Sergeant Bertram James Thomas, of the Middle East Command, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. By a superhuman effort he saved his plane and the life of his air-gunner. After a dive bombing raid on a gun position he attacked an Italian aircraft. He was hit by an explosive bullet and severely wounded in the right shoulder. Behind him his observer was killed. Despite his weakness through loss of blood, Flight Sergeant Thomas set his course for Berbera, about forty miles away. Almost exhausted by loss of blood, and with his right shoulder useless, he made a successful landing, with the undercarriage of his plane retracted. The official description of his bravery is "a superhuman effort."

Seven fighter pilots who receive awards, six the D.F.C. and one a bar to the D.F.C., have between them shot down 54 aircraft over Britain and Dunkirk. Pilot Officer W. L. McKnight, a Canadian, receives the bar to the D.F.C. He has destroyed six German machines in the last thirteen weeks. He is described as a "courageous and tenacious fighter."

Flight Lieutenant J. I. Kilmartin has downed 12 machines, and his dash and determination, with clear thinking, combine to make him a magnificent leader. Acting Flight Lieutenant P. S. Turner, another Canadian, has shot down ten machines. On September 15, one of the three victorious days referred to by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a message of congratulation to the Fighter Command, he brought down a Nazi machine, and was then hit by cannon shell. For a few seconds it looked as though his machine were helpless and out of control, but by clever handling he regained control, and even destroyed a second plane before he brought his own damaged machine safely back to his base.

Flying Officer T. A. F. Elsdon, from Scotland, has a bag of six to his credit. On September 4, when leading his squadron, his method of attack was successful in destroying nine aircraft and probably three more.

Pilot Officer J. R. B. Meaker, who comes from Ireland, although only 21, has shown himself to be "resolute in attack, with a calm, determined temperament." He has shot down at least five aircraft. Pilot Officer T. F. Neill has destroyed six and Pilot Officer N. K. Stanfield, a Canadian, has brought down seven.

One of the best photographers of the Royal Air Force has just been awarded a bar to his D.F.C. He is Flying Officer Alistair Lennox Taylor. One recent reconnaissance over Kiel, the announcement states, was considered the most valuable for the Navy during the war. Another time he took off in dense fog and secured valuable photographs of the Dortmund-Ems Aqueduct, the most vulnerable point of Germany's busiest industrial waterway. From other exceptionally successful reconnaissances he brought back photographs of Cap Gris Nez and Flushing. He has completed 60 of these photographic missions.

Described as a particularly brilliant tactician, Flight Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar has been awarded the bar to his D.F.C. During the defence of London he shot down eight planes in eight days, and led his squadron with fighting spirit and resource.

To conclude, here is a simple story which is typical of the courage of civilians of the British Isles. In their everyday life now they are likely to run into danger, but they are always ready to meet it with a stout heart.

William Joseph Jenkins is a Swansea air raid messenger. A raid was at its height. An urgent message had to be taken from Manselton to the control room, a distance of some three miles. Jenkins mounted his motor cycle and set off on the journey, avoiding wreckage and burst gas mains. Falling bricks knocked him from his machine, but dazed and bruised he remounted. He had not gone far before a bomb knocked him unconscious. Helpers came and he recovered, and insisted on continuing with his urgent message. He had another half mile to go. The tyres of his machine were flat, ripped open by bomb splinters, but he rode on. He was blown off yet again, but still he remounted, and delivered his message.

Jenkins has been awarded the George Medal recently instituted by the King.

# They Go On Fishing

I can't mention the names of the trawlers or the skippers concerned; but at about midday the first put his trawl down about 15 miles off the coast, which wasn't in sight. There was a slight easterly breeze and something of a haze, though no sea to speak of, when, at half-past twelve, two enemy aircraft were seen to the south-eastward and approaching fast. They lived down, and spent the next hour-and-a-quarter circling round and attacking at close range.

They started by dropping several bombs, which fell sufficiently close to send their splinters raining on board, to do much damage. Meanwhile, the third hand had got busy with his

By "Taffrail"

Lewis gun, plastering the first Henkel at close range and apparently damaging her, for after a time she flew off out of sight.

But before this both aircraft flew round and round in circles spraying the trawler with machine-gun bullets. It was two against one, and the trawler, with her crew of nine, was a very easy target, particularly as her trawl was down and she couldn't weigh it. As her skipper said, she could only hope for the best and steam round and round in circles.

Well, that little ship—she was a ship of 159 tons, forty-one years old—was fairly riddled with bullets and bomb splinters. Her funnel mast, ventilators, superstructure, wheelhouse, sides and deck were punctured again and again. The compass and telegraph were damaged, the shrouds, rigging, wireless aerial—practically every rope—cut or stranded. One bullet went in through the open door of the galley and punctured the oven door after wounding the cook. The hand manning the Lewis gun was also wounded, as was the skipper who told me the story. A bullet which had first hit something else struck him in the back of his head. "I felt something hot," he said, "and put up my hand and found this in the neck of my jersey," showing me a splayed out copper bullet with the usual steel core. He showed me the scar, too. Another bullet went through his jersey, and there were more fragments of metal in his head and one shoulder. "I can feel 'em pricking," he explained. "My old woman picks out two or three new bits every morning."

The other story's about a 33-year old trawler which was also intermittently attacked for one-and-a-half hours when engaged in fishing. She didn't carry a machine-gun; but her skipper fired his rifle every time the aeroplane came near. The aircraft dropped several bombs, which missed, and then used her machine-guns. The ship was hit again and again and damaged; but there were no casualties, as the men had taken cover—all except the skipper, who bobbed up every now and then to fire his rifle.

Then he had the idea of firing ordinary rockets, pointing them in the aeroplane's direction. He fired eight in all, and the aircraft, mistaking them for something lethal, kept at a respectable height. "But I expect we'd have been done in," the skipper told me, "if the fog hadn't come down and saved us. We chopped our gear away and steamed full speed towards the shore, where the aeroplane mightn't have followed even if the fog had lifted."

What amazed me was the calm sort of way these men accepted the situation. They were neither of them young. Both had wives and families. Their general attitude, like that of the men of the Merchant Navy, was that they weren't going to be prevented from going to sea and earning their livings by any pestilential Germans. Come what might, they'd carry on, and be damned to the Huns.

They were phlegmatic, stolid men, these two skippers; hard-bitten seamen inured to foul weather and a hard life. It didn't seem to occur to them that they were doing anything particularly daring or praiseworthy in adding to the nation's food supply of fresh fish, though in these days their job is just as tough as that of the thousands of others from the fishing fleets who are serving in the minesweepers and patrol craft.



# NAZI PLANS TO INVADE THE AMERICAS

RECENT WARNINGS by officials in the United States of Axis plans to use force of arms, as well as economic penetration and propaganda, for a conquest of this hemisphere were believed by competent American observers in Mexico City to be substantiated in a Nazi "war calendar," which has just reached Mexico City secretly from Spain.

Not only did this seemingly authentic document, from which extracts are known to have been transmitted to Washington, describe in detail direct action and steps allegedly planned by the totalitarian powers to achieve invasion of the Americas in the next nine months, but it was also said to reveal that Soviet Russia is preparing to attack the United States by way of Alaska, coincident with Nazi and Japanese attacks on Mexico, Central America and South America.

The "war calendar" was brought to Mexico by agents of the Spanish Falange, a Fascist organisation which is directing the Axis propaganda drive against democratic institutions in Latin America. Although several points mentioned in it already have been achieved with startling time accuracy, its general schedule appeared so fantastic that this correspondent hesitated to write about it until after talks with naval and military officials and diplomats here, who took it seriously.

According to the alleged plan the first step toward the Soviet Union's invasion of the North American continent would be a Red-Nipponese pact to liquidate the "China problem" before summer, Russia and Japan jointly taking over the Chinese Republic. Timing the next move so as to cause the greatest possible consternation in the United States, Russia, which virtually dominates the entire Bering Strait, with a stronghold at East Cape, would sweep across fifty-six miles open water with warships and planes to strike at Alaska, it was said.

## Aims of Russian Thrust

The Russian "invasion" would have two main objectives, it was said. Once on American soil the Russians would stir up revolutionary activity in Canada and the United States, ultimately halting aid to Great Britain.

At the same time, the presence of the Russians in Alaska would divert part of the United States Navy, while Japan attacked Mexico. Previously, internal disorders in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chile would have been fomented.

At the height of the agitation, according to the plan, the Axis powers would lend direct military aid to Latin-American revolutionaries. For example, it was said, German warplanes, based at Dakar, in French West Africa, would spread destruction in Brazil, just four hours' flying distance across the south Atlantic, and German and Italian warships would also aid in the attack.

## TURIN PUTS ITS LIGHTS OUT

The crew of a Wellington bomber which arrived over Turin on a night bombing raid, were amazed to find all the street lights on. No effort was made to put them out, even as the British plane circled overhead.

Down went the first stick of bombs. Then the lights went out.

## BAGGED 'PLANE ON DAY OFF

Having brought down nineteen enemy 'planes and earned the D.F.C. and bar, a squadron leader of the R.A.F. took a day off.

He visited the squadron in which until recently he commanded a flight, and went up with his old comrades and destroyed a Messerschmidt 109.

"We took off just before nine o'clock," he said. "When we were at about 18,000 feet I looked around and saw a dog fight going on behind me, and we sailed round. There were about twenty ME 109s.

"I noticed two MEs flying in line astern, and about 150 yards apart. The leader looked to be the offensive partner, so I got in a quick squirt at the rear one.

"Presumably he was meant to be acting as rearguard to the other, but as soon as I fired he wheeled down into the blue. I went straight on to the leading ME, and gave it a long burst.

"I left him going in the clouds at 4,000 ft. The pilot baled out, and I heard afterwards that the ME had crashed."

A few weeks ago, when he was still with his former squadron, he was visiting London on leave, and as he had some way to go and his Spitfire was in need of slight repairs he was allowed to fly it to a London aerodrome.

When he landed he was told there was a raid on.

He got permission to go up, and near the coast found two Junkers 88s at 15,000 ft., flying together. He overtook them, swung round and made a head-on attack. They both dived to sea level.

Then he attacked again. One went straight down into the sea

## U.S. BOMBERS ON WAY TO ENGLAND

Thirteen four-engine heavy bombers, bearing the colours of the Royal Air Force, have arrived in Washington.

Authorised quarters state that these machines are doubtless part of the squadron of American heavy bombers which, according to an announcement made last November, are to be delivered to Great Britain.

These bombers are equipped with the latest bombing devices and are said to be extremely efficient.

## "SCAR NO BAR TO LOVE"

"PEOPLE DO NOT FALL IN LOVE BECAUSE ONE HAS OR HAS NOT GOT A SCAR," SAID COUNSEL FOR A TRANSPORT COMPANY AT ESSEX ASSIZES WHEN MISS COLEEN EVA BOYLE, I.E. AGED EIGHTEEN, OF NEWSTEAD, HUTTON, ESSEX, CLAIMED DAMAGES FOR INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN A CAR COLLIDED WITH A LORRY.

Her counsel said she now had a horrible scar across her face. "Girls to-day," he added, "are proud and sensitive of their appearance."

Counsel for Cattermole's Transport Ltd., Islington, the defendants, said Miss Boyle was an attractive girl and her matrimonial chances had not been lessened by the scar.

The girl was awarded £491.

## TOWN TO KEEP CHICKENS

Croydon Corporation plan to conduct experimental chicken farming to utilise the waste food collected from corporation hospitals and institutions.

The estimated cost of the scheme is £257 10s., 250 fowls at 15s. each to cost £187 10s., and accommodation costing £70.

and the other hit his Spitfire with a cannon shell, but he got safely back.

## CREW DIES IN S.O.S. MYSTERY

A RESCUE PARTY that answered an SOS and boarded the steamer Ourang Medan, off the Solomon Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, found bodies of sailors lying about the deck.

"We could find no sign of a wound on any of them," said an officer of the rescue party. "Death seemed to have taken them by surprise at their posts . . . it was terrifying."

"On the captain's bridge we found the body of the second officer. We counted twelve bodies three of them of deck officers."

"We decided to search the captain's quarters, but at that moment we heard an explosion in the ship."

"We abandoned the ship immediately and rowed back to our own. The explosions were re-

peated. Soon nothing was left of the Ourang Medan but a blazing hulk.

"The next day the fire burned itself out and the steamer went under, taking her secret with her."

The Ourang Medan had sent out an SOS and the message "Send doctor—urgent."

The steamer was told that help was coming, but immediately the request for a doctor was cancelled. "Send a warship," was the next request.

A ship of the British Merchant Marine was first to arrive on the scene.—Associated Press.



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# ITALIANS CRUEL TO GREEK WOMEN, WOUNDED

(From A Correspondent)

A GREEK GENERAL told me of Italian atrocities. As we talked behind the lines Italian planes high overhead tried to harass the Greek advance. It was in this sector where the Italians were brilliantly trapped and checked.

I saw villages where there was nothing. Not a house remained. Women and children were forced by the Italians to stay at home, so that Greek artillerymen had to fire on their own homes where their womenfolk had been brutally raped and murdered.

The General told me of how he himself had five times seen Italian tanks drive deliberately over Greek wounded.

Greece, he said, still needed more British aircraft.

"If you only send them, we'll do the rest," he said.

Behind us the Greek artillery was peering the main road, then retreat towards Argirokastro.

In the woods around, where hundreds of Italian dead still lie unburied, Greek machine-gun fire sounds from every side, proof that another Italian unit has been cut off.

## Tragic Letters

Here are all the relics of war one would expect. Limbs of men killed by tanks, shell craters, ruined farmhouses, dead horses, ditched lorries.

But here one also finds something one doesn't expect to find letters from Italian homes.

They have been written from mother to son; father writing proudly of Italy's greatness; brother asking for news of Italian fighters in this strange war no Italian understands.

I reached Albama to-day after two days' and nights' travel over mountains 7,000ft. high.

For 100 miles last night my car squeezed forward among the Greek reserves.

Each unit recognised our Union Jack.

And for hour after hour the Greek infantry cheered us on in English as our car splattered in mud beneath the stars.

I had come to the front along a road on which the Italians had already dropped more than a thousand bombs without a direct hit.

This road is used at night by captured Italian lorries and motorcycles running dispatches and supplies to the Greek front line.

## BLONDES WILL GO BROWNETTE

Gentlemen may still prefer blondes, but as the war goes on they will find them more difficult to meet. Blondes are getting rare. They are giving place to brownettes, the kinder name for mousey heads, because business and Service women find they can't keep pace with the increased cost of being "blonded up" once every ten days.

The men who are so anxious to take out blondes don't realise that it costs as much as 7s. 6d. a time for a golden hair-do, and every ten days the roots must be touched up to cover the dark parting. Of course, original applications of dye, and reconditioning of dyed hair before it can be permanently waved, costs a great deal more.

"The girls in the Services or in offices cannot afford the time or the money to visit us so frequently," a West End hairdresser told me.

"And if they slacken off their visits they find a dark parting appears."

Another reason is that it is difficult to visit the hairdresser now that the blitz starts in the early evening.

One man told me: "It is partly psychological. Women to-day are more sincere, constructive. The previous 'good-time' girl is now going all out for war work."

"We blondes think it's just a question of money," said a blonde worker. "The spare pennies go into National Savings."

## CLERGY HIT AT SHELTERS

All-round condemnation of air raid shelters is made by clergy of the Rural Deanery of Hammersmith (London) in a statement.

"The shelters," declare the clergyman, "are in some case becoming uninhabitable."

The statement continues:—

"The unsatisfactory nature of the surface shelters is shaking public morals. An example of this is the fact that many of these shelters (known to many of our parishioners as 'brick coffins') remain unused."

Referring to tube shelters the statement says:

"A new type of mosquito or gnat, possessing a dangerous bite, seems to have evolved itself."

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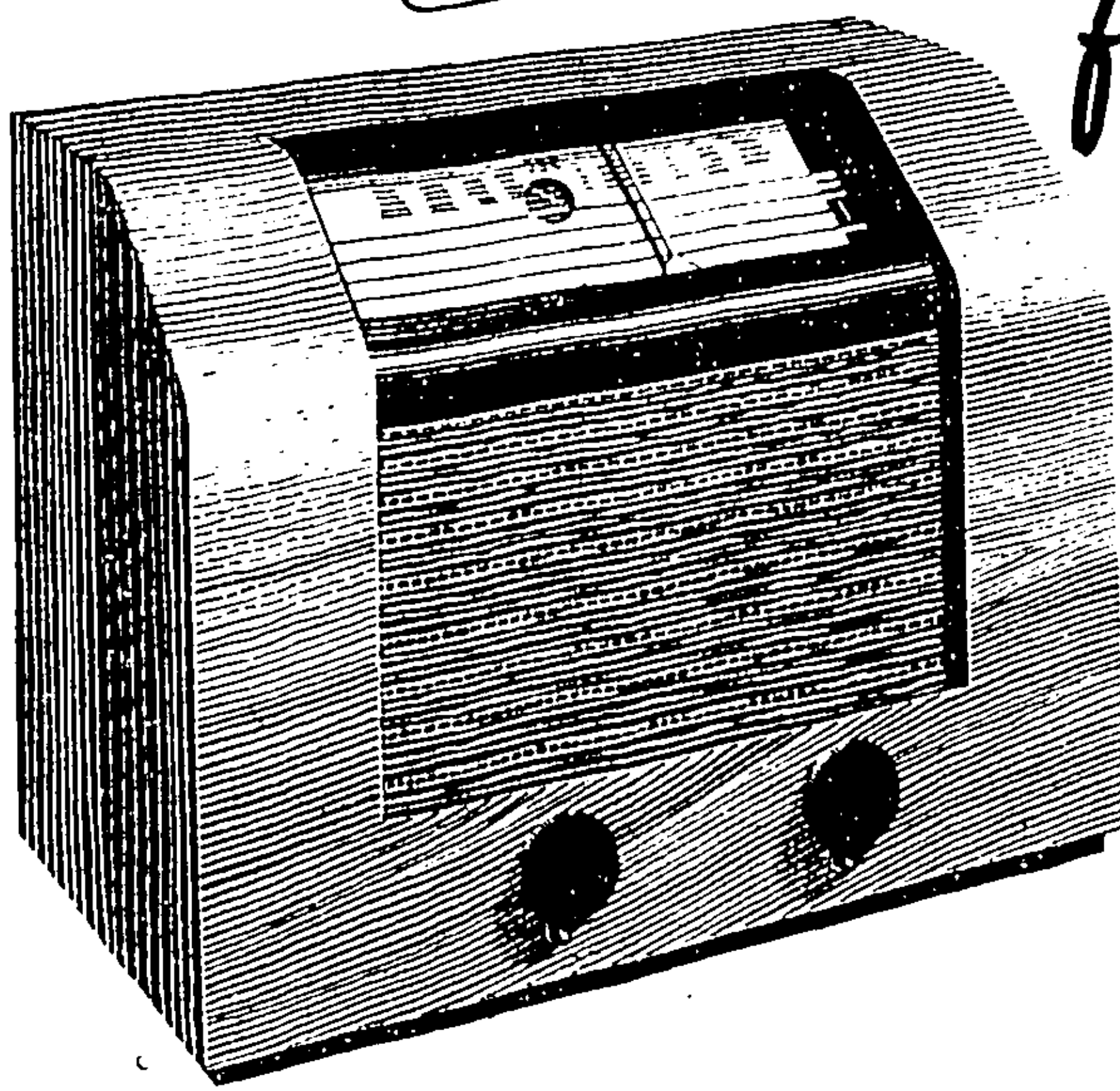
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## HE WAS OPPONENT OF MUSSOLINI

(By VERNON BARTLETT)

THE RESIGNATION of Marshal Badoglio is of great importance from the Allied point of view, for nobody could doubt either his patriotism or his military qualifications.

The suggestion that he has retired on account of age in the middle of Italy's most critical campaign is nonsensical.

Although he took over command in Abyssinia when Marshal de Bono proved a failure, he was opposed to Mussolini's act of aggression. And rightly so, since the difficulty of sending supplies to Italian troops in that unfriendly territory may still be the principal cause of the coming Fascist collapse.

It is unbelievable that Marshal Badoglio would have resigned at this critical moment unless he believed that Signor Mussolini had led Italy either into a war that she would not win or into a war

which would be won solely for Herr Hitler's benefit.

### Italian Discontent

From various sources comes detailed evidence of rapidly growing Italian discontent. This discontent will certainly develop now that the man who was best suited to conciliate the ambitions of Fascism with those of the Regular Army, always resentful of the way in which Fascist leaders rank because of their enthusiasm for the Duce, has been eliminated.



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By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NOTICE

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

## BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager,  
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941:

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, 17 & 19, Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pau Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

| No. of Sale                                                      | Registry No. | Locality                    | Boundary Measurements | Contents in Sq. ft. | Annual Rent | Upset Price |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1                                                                | 4302         | Kowloon Island Lot No. 4302 | N. S. E. W.           | As per sale plan    | About \$126 | \$2,367     |
| Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4297, Ping Street, Kau Pau Shek |              |                             |                       |                     |             |             |

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$237 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, 28th February, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at the Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, 4th March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central. (2nd Floor).

#### A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

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Terms: Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1941.

## HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941

Entries close on SATURDAY, 1st March, 1941, at 6 p.m.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to—

THIRD DAY—  
Monday.—24th February.

FOURTH DAY—  
Tuesday.—25th February.

FIFTH DAY—  
Saturday.—1st March.

On Monday, 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear the r badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### OVERCOMING THE BREAKS

#### By The Four Aces

Every good player knows of ways to overcome the effect of certain bad breaks. For example:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
North South part score 60

♠ A Q 5  
♥ A Q 8 7 4 3  
♦ 10 6  
♣ Q J

♠ 8 7 4  
♥ 10 5  
♦ J 8 7 3  
♣ K 7 4 3

♠ 6 2  
♥ K 9 6 2  
♦ 9  
♣ A 10 9 6

♠ K J 10 9 3  
♥ J  
♦ A K Q 5 4 2  
♣ 8

#### The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♠    | Pass | 1     | Pass |
| 2♠    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 3♠    | Pass | 6♠    | Pass |

West opened the ten of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then led a trump to his own Jack and laid down the diamond Ace. Next a trump was led to dummy's Ace, and a low heart was ruffed by South. This series of apparently aimless plays was followed by the King of diamonds; and now the method in South's madness became clear. East could not follow suit, but he also couldn't ruff, so South was able to ruff a low diamond with dummy's Queen of trumps. He then ruffed a heart, drew the last trump, and ran the diamond, making his Slam contract.

Declarer's reason for leaving one trump out should be clear because of what actually happened. There was no danger in leading a second round of diamonds if that suit were going to split 3-2, and if it were going to split 4-1 (as was actually the case) the only hope was that the long diamond hand also held the last trump.

South's other plays were equally sound. It was safe to cash one diamond after drawing only one round of trumps, for if the diamonds split 5-0, the contract was practically impossible. And the heart ruff at the fifth trick was planned to take advantage of a possible drop of the heart King (or a possible mistake by East). That would allow South to lead a trump to the Queen and get rid of the club on the heart Queen.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 9 7 3  
♥ A J 9  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ A Q

What did you bid as dealer?

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Despite the general strength of the hand, there is no point in bidding one no-trump and thus suppressing a strong five-card major suit. Score 100% for one spade, 40% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

#### Question No. 650

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

| You | Jacoby | Schenken | Malet |
|-----|--------|----------|-------|
| 1♠  | Pass   | 2♣       | Pass  |

(?) What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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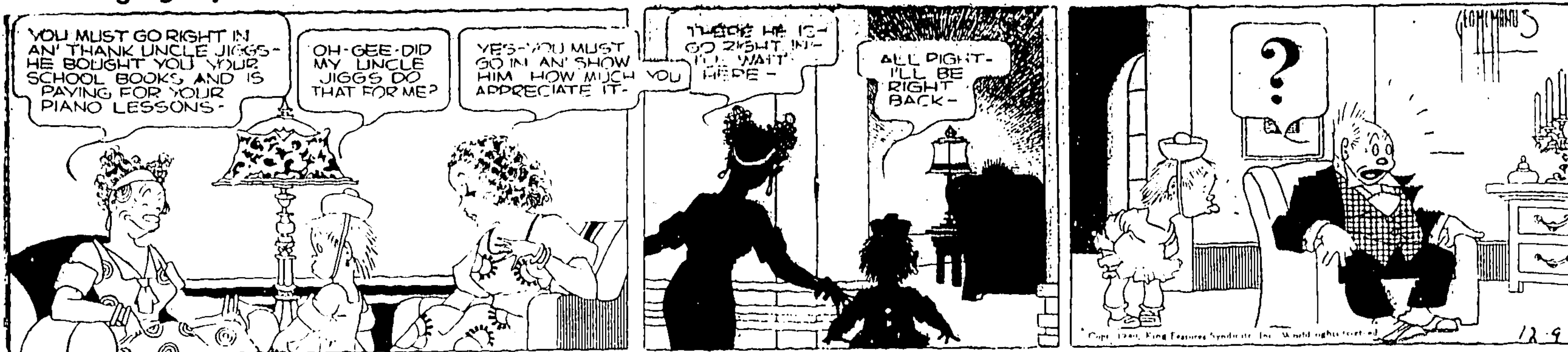
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## Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Slim Thighs For Summer Beauty

This is the month to begin your figure refashioning programme if you want to look well in early summer clothes and later, ravishing in a bathing suit! One cannot expect to whittle down inches in a week or two—it requires diligent daily exercising and a stern will regarding one's food.

While heavy thighs can often be disguised with clothes chosen to minimise them, a bathing suit inevitably reveals their true measurements! So begin now to work off that "thigh-bulge" which is so unlovely.

These exercises will, if practised daily without fail, reduce your thighs and will give your body greater flexibility.

### On The Mat You Get!

**BACK LYING, ALTERNATE LEG CIRCLING.** Lie on your back, arms at sides. Raise right leg and circle it out to the right several times, in a wide circle. Bring it back to original position and raise left leg. Circle it out toward the left in a wide circle several times. Alternate legs in this fashion five times each. Rest and repeat, or do another exercise and then repeat this one.

**STANDING, ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING.** Stand erect grasping the back of a straight chair.



Holding onto the sides of her exercising mat, this young lady is practising the ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING EXERCISE, described in to-day's column. She desires slim hips for a new tulleur!

Keeping knees straight swing right leg back and forward as a clock pendulum swings. You will find that you twist toward the right at your waist. Swing your leg as high as possible in each direction. Rest for a moment. Then twist toward the left and swing the left leg in the same manner. Five times for each leg, and then

lie flat on the floor on your back and rest a moment or two before beginning the next exercise.

**THE FAMOUS SCISSORS.** Lie on your side on your exercising mat. (If you have no mat use a mattress on the floor or hang on to a heavy bit of furniture as you swing your legs). Your head should be resting on your left arm. Your left hand should grasp the top of the mattress or a piece of heavy furniture. Then raise both legs in the air and scissor them backward and forward as rapidly in rhythm as you can. Keep them in the air until you feel strained, then rest them on the floor, turn over on your other side and repeat exercise.

This scissor movement is one of the best for thigh reducing and leg refashioning. It is difficult to do if you are not limber, so take it easy at first.

around your shoulder blade area. This one exercise may be done while you sit at your desk or table without attracting too much comment!

The three following movements are the fifth of the series presented through the courtesy of the American Woman's Association:

**ARM CIRCLING:** Sits on edge of straight chair. Raise arms to shoulder level, hands at chest, palms down as if ready to do the breast stroke in swimming. Make a small circle with arms, forward, up and back. 5 to 10 times; rest and repeat.

**ARM SWINGING AND ARM BENDING:** Stand erect with feet slightly apart, arms hanging with hands crossed in front of body. This exercise is done to 4 counts. Count 1—fling arms up and back. Count 2—bring arms down to first position. Count 3—raise arms to bent bent position at chest. Count 4—lower arms to original, crossed position. Repeat slowly until you get rhythm then do rapidly 15 or 20 times.

**PRONE LYING, HEAD AND SHOULDER RAISING:** Lie face downward, hands clasped behind back. Raise head and shoulders off floor pulling hands toward heels, keeping head straight, chin in. Relax and repeat 15 to 20 times.

## Dowager's Hump

When someone called that padding of flesh which forms at the base of the neck, if one's posture is poor, a dowager's hump, it was rightly named. For nothing can age a woman's appearance so much as that—it adds ten years to any woman's age.

A dowager's hump comes primarily from poor posture. Very young girls acquire one if they slump when they walk and sit. It doesn't take long for a roll of flesh to form high on the shoulders, but it takes ages for it to be massaged away or exercised away!

The business woman is very likely to acquire a dowager's hump unwittingly, by sitting long hours over a desk or typewriter in a cramped position. To prevent it from forming one should get up several times a day and go through a few simple corrective movements to relieve the tenseness around the neck and shoulders. If you work in an office or factory, you could practice these movements in the ladies room or during your lunch hour. Housewives should practice them about the middle of the morning.

### These Correct Poor Posture

Try this simple movement right now. Drop your paper, sit erectly in your chair, draw in your abdomen which automatically raises your chest. Now place your hands on your shoulder bones and raise elbows to shoulder level. Stretch neck upward and push head back so it is even with spine (not bent forward). Holding this position, force your elbows back as far as possible and then forward in a



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union is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a  
breach of postal regulations to enclose  
in a postal cover communications in-  
tended for persons other than the  
addressee.

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following places in China is temporarily  
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tung.

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suspended.

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### OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY

|                                                                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sandakan                                                                                | 8.30 a.m. |
| Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect<br>with the "British Overseas Airways."<br>K.P.O. |           |
| Reg.                                                                                    | 4.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                                                                    | 4.30 p.m. |
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| Par.                                                                                                                        | (28/2) 5.00 p.m. |
| Reg.                                                                                                                        | (28/2) 5.00 p.m. |
| Ord.                                                                                                                        | (1/3) 8.30 a.m.  |
| Haiphong                                                                                                                    | 10.30 a.m.       |
| Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect<br>with the "British Overseas Airways."<br>K.P.O.                                   |                  |
| Reg.                                                                                                                        | 2.00 p.m.        |
| Ord.                                                                                                                        | 2.30 p.m.        |
| G.P.O.                                                                                                                      |                  |
| Reg.                                                                                                                        | 2.00 p.m.        |
| Ord.                                                                                                                        | 2.30 p.m.        |
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| Reg.                                                                                                                        | 5.00 p.m.        |
| Ord.                                                                                                                        | 5.30 p.m.        |
| G.P.O.                                                                                                                      |                  |
| Reg.                                                                                                                        | 5.00 p.m.        |
| Ord.                                                                                                                        | 5.30 p.m.        |

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## RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Arensky—Trio in D Minor,  
Op. 32.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov:  
Scherzo; 3rd Mov: Elegia; 4th  
Mov: Finale... Eileen Joyce (Pia-  
no), Henri Temianka (Violin) and  
Antoni Sala (Cello).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Wea-  
ther Report.

1.03 p.m.—Betty Driver (Vocal) in a  
Swing Programme.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,  
Weather Forecast and Announce-  
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount  
Theatre Orchestra.

1.55 p.m.—Band Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—A Wagner Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle  
Sam.

7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre.

7.50 p.m.—Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye  
on Two Pianos.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Fletcher—Sylvan Scenes  
Suite. In Beauty's Bower—Sylvia  
Dances—The Pool of Narcissus—Cu-  
pid's Carnival—London Palladium  
Orchestra cond. by Clifford Green-  
wood.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Review of Reviews, Debroy  
Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by  
Dan Donovan.

8.45 p.m.—Cinema Organ Music.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of  
the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short  
Wave only).

9.50 p.m.—Songs by John McCormack  
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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of  
Many Things.

10.15 p.m.—Bizet's "Carmen" Act II.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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# Modus Vivendi On Dispute Over The Tangier Zone

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone. This declaration was made in the Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr. Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government.

Arrangements now concluded safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the international administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied to Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

## Legal Rights

Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr. Butler intimated they had also agreed that if at any time the mixed tribunal should cease to function, the consular courts would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr. Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

## Positions Reserved

The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under treaties in force.

The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position. —Reuter.

## CUT IN COTTON SUPPLIES

A WARNING OF COMING SACRIFICES AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION BY HALF OF RAW COTTON IMPORTS THIS SEASON, WAS CONTAINED IN A STATEMENT BY THE COTTON CONTROLLER, SIR PERCY ASHLEY, IN MANCHESTER YESTERDAY.

Sir Percy said: "Fortunately stocks have been maintained but a substantial cut in the use of cotton is unavoidable. Main concern now is to ensure that supplies are closely adjusted to the requirements industry is called on to meet in the demands of the Services and other essential demands and the export trade."

The distribution of limited supplies of raw cotton to spinning mills and the allocation of supplies for Government requirements, the export trade and other purposes are the chief problems now facing the industry, Sir Percy added, and discussion is already taking place with trade representatives. An early decision is expected. —Reuter.

## BLACK-OUT CRASH

Traffic standards in Nathan Road, near the Alhambra Theatre, Jordan Road and Austin Road, were knocked down by vehicles during the "black-out" last night,

## CONCERT FOR THE BOMBER FUND

A very interesting programme has been arranged for the Band Concert, in aid of the S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund, to be held in the Peninsula Hotel Lounge at 9 p.m. on Sunday, under the direction of Geo. Pio-Ulski and Art Carneiro.

The main feature of the programme is a two-piano solo by Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

Following is the programme —

1. The Barber of Seville—Overture Rossini.

This work originally was titled "Almaviva or The Useless Precaution". It is one of the outstanding masterpieces of all opera buffa of the 19th Century and is certainly the best of Rossini's works.

2. Minuet Bizet  
A graceful movement from the "D'Arlesienne" Suite No. 1.

3. The Willow Plate Herbert.  
Incidental music on Tony Sarago's Chinese play consisting of five short numbers:— No. 1: "The Mandarin's Garden"; No. 2: "The Little Garden House"; No. 3: "Chang The Lover"; No. 4: "Kong Shee"; No. 5: "A Wedding Procession".

4. Valse des Fleurs.  
Tschalkowsky.

The most popular number from the "Nutteracker" Ballet Music.

5. Rigoletto—Selection Verdi.  
Rigoletto was first produced in Venice in March 1851 and met with great success. One of Verdi's earliest operas, (30 in all), it still holds its place among the most popular operas of to-day.

INTERVAL  
6. Solo—Two Pianos Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

(a) Valse... Arensky. (The finest example of melodious interchanging achieved by Arensky for his many two piano solos):

(b) Paraphrase... Schutt. (The famous transcription of Chopin's Waltz No. 7).

7. The Maid of the Mountains—Selection Fraser-Simson.

The best known operetta of this English Composer.

8. 2nd Hungarian Rhapsody. Liszt.

Of Liszt's fifteen Rhapsodies this is the most popular. The Rhapsody uses two principal Hungarian dance movements: The Lassu or slow movement and the Friska or fast movement.

9. Intermezzo... Mascagni.  
The most familiar melody from "Cavalleria Rusticana".

10. The Gay Nineties—Waltz Medley Arr. Geo. Pio-Ulski.

Selection of old favourites introducing: Daisy Bell, She Was An Early Bird, Two Lovely Black Eyes, Comrades, Little Annie Rooney, After The Ball, Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland, Maggie Murphy's Home, In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree, and Why Did I Leave My Little Black Room.



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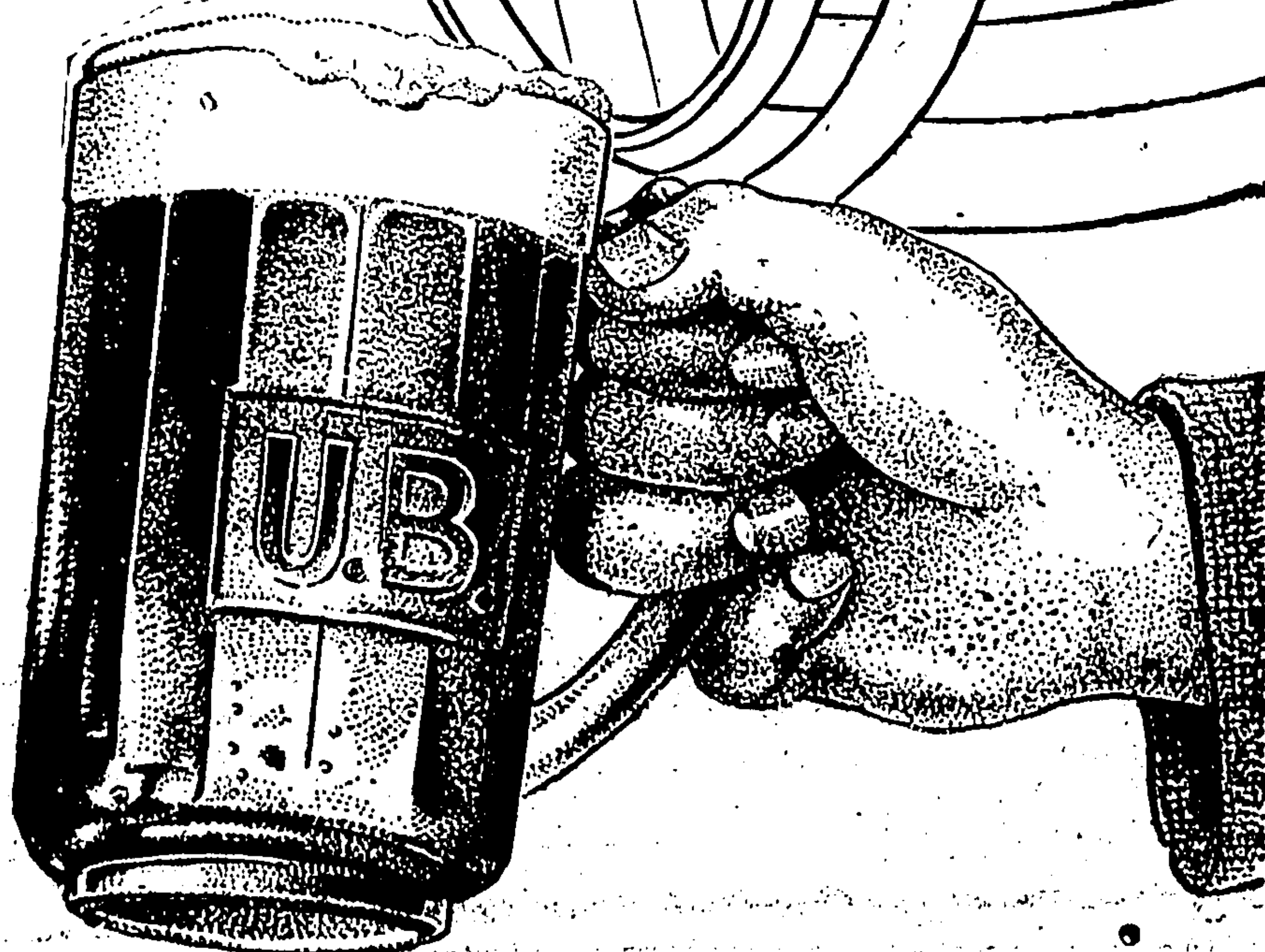
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CRICKET NOTES

# ATROCIOUS WEATHER MARS SATURDAY'S 'NEEDLE' MATCH

## "Zinho" Gosano Plays A Very Useful Knock

### Recreio Bowlers Off Their Length

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB ARE NOW ALMOST CERTAIN TO RETAIN THE SENIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE RESULT OF THEIR WIN OVER CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY.

This match was expected to produce a very high standard of cricket but, as it transpired, the weather was so bad that decent cricket was an impossibility and batsmen, bowlers and fielders all found the conditions difficult.

There was a stiff cross-wind blowing across the ground throughout and it was only when an old but heavy set of bails were discovered, that it was possible to prevent the frequent interruptions that had occurred previously owing to the bails being blown off by the wind.

The outfield was very slow but the wicket was greasy and the ball was coming off fairly quickly and, in the consistently bad light, batsmen at no time found matters altogether to their liking.

#### Broadbridge's Catch

Teddy Fincher, for the fourth time in as many League matches, won the toss and put Recreio in. At first it did not seem that this policy would pay as L. G. and J. M. Gosano were both batting confidently and did not appear to be in any trouble. When he had scored three, however, L. G. reached at one from Lloyd and was taken smartly in the slips by Reggie Broadbridge, who threw himself forward to hold the chance about an inch above the ground.

Joined by G. N. Gosano, J. M. continued to score freely, his most

effective stroke being a sort of hooked drive off his back-foot which travelled, usually in the air, in the direction of mid-wicket and mid-on.

Noticing this, Lloyd moved his mid-on wide and sure enough Zinho hit one straight at Mackay, who was fielding there, only for the fielder to drop a simple catch.

It was an expensive mistake for Zinho went on to score 75 and although he continued to lift the ball nothing else went to hand.

Zinho is a good bat with plenty of power in his shots but he will have to time his scoring shots better if he hopes to reach the top class. On occasion, also, he is apt to play his forward defensive strokes carelessly. What he needs, I think, is a little more experience.

No other Recreio batsman gave very much trouble, Lloyd bowling cleverly at one end and Francis Zimmern banging them down at the other, taking wickets regularly.

At 4.21, with only 128 on the board with nine wickets down, Eddie Gosano, rather surprisingly I thought, declared. He evidently thought that with the bowlers he had available and under the conditions, K.C.C. would find run-getting as difficult as his own batsmen had.

#### Hung's Breezy Knock

Unfortunately these theories did not work out as, except for a few overs from Silva, none of his bowlers were effective and Hung's breezy knock rather rattled them. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

### MACAULEY'S SPLENDID INNINGS

By "Adrem"

Two friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday, Diocesan Boys' School putting up a remarkably good show against Civil Service juniors, and Recreio being rather unfortunate in being unable to force a win against a Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team.

At Homantin, D.B.S. were only four runs short of the C.S.C. total when stumps were drawn. The latter team lost their first wicket quickly but Colledge and Ainslie added 59 for the second wicket and paved the way to the total of 151 for 8 dec. which was eventually reached.

Veteran MacGowan hit out to good effect later, scoring 46 not out in which were included seven fours. Hulse and Macauley were the most successful School bowlers.

A fine innings by Macauley, who carried his bat for 91, was the outstanding feature of the D.B.S. innings. Batting confidently from the start Macauley hit 12 fours and was at the wickets for 80 minutes.

#### Noronha's Good Knock

A chanceless innings of 82 by A. E. Noronha was the outstanding performance in the Club "A" Recreio match at Chater Road.

Cricket Club, batting first, ran up 127 for 8 dec., G. J. P. Carey, A. K. Mackenzie, R. S. W. Paterson and J. L. Ilsey being the principal contributors, and then, thanks to Noronha's fine innings, Recreio were able to get to within nine runs of their opponents when time was called.

### UNIVERSITY AGAIN IN THE PICTURE

By "Adrem"

UNIVERSITY, WHO IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE THIS SEASON HAVE CAUSED UPSET AFTER UPSET, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR YET ANOTHER ON SATURDAY WHEN THEY HAD THE BETTER OF A DRAW WITH CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB, WHO, HITHERTO, HAD NOT DROPPED A POINT IN THREE GAMES.

University were on top throughout and, following a disastrous start, it looked very much as if the Valley team were playing to save a point.

Batting first the undergraduates were given an excellent start by Kenneth Lo and Chelliah. Lo batted very nicely and did not give a chance, but Chelliah was a trifle lucky although he, too, took full advantage of any scoring opportunities.

After 73 runs had been added for the first wicket, something of a rot set in and it appeared that University had flattered only to deceive. R. S. Gill, however, saved the situation with an aggressive innings of 36 which enabled a declaration to be made at about 4.15 with the very respectable score of 167 on the board for the loss of nine wickets.

#### Omar Off Form

The Craigenower attack was not as impressive as usual, Esmail being the most dangerous. Omar, who usually carries the bowling, did not meet with as much success as usual although he was fairly steady.

Craigenower started badly and never fully recovered. Hung was caught by Chin off Amplavanar

before a run had been scored and Lee, on whom Craigenower depended so much, foolishly ran himself out a few balls later. Thereafter, apart from Hamson, who batted soundly, taking no liberties with the good balls and waiting only for the loose ones, and a bright interlude during which Leonard hit three fours, Craigenower were definitely on the defensive and when stumps were drawn they had 92 runs with six wickets down.

Amplavanar returned the best figures of the University bowlers who performed, but generally speaking the attack was not impressive.

#### Police Fail Again

The Police team, which still tries hard in spite of many vicissitudes, all but stayed their long run of League failures on Saturday, when they had their game with Indian Recreation Club in the bag and then let the opportunity slip.

Stout-hearted bowling by Carey, who was well assisted by Danbrowsky, played a big part in dismissing I.R.C. for only 139. Razack, Wahab and Ali being the principal contributors, and thanks to useful innings by Clarke, Tyler and Shepherd, Police were on their way to their first League success when the inevitable collapse set in and the last five wickets managed to collect only 14 runs.

The closing stages were exciting and Police were only three runs short of their opponents' total when the last wicket fell.

Abbas was as usual the Indians' best bowler, finishing with 6 for 43.

### GOOD WIN FOR V.R.C.

Victoria Recreation Club registered their best result of the current League badminton season on Tuesday, when at King's Park, they beat Club de Recreio by the odd game in five in "B" Division.

Chiefly responsible for the swimming club's success were S. A. Rumjahn and D. M. Xavier, who played really well to win all three games. They were well supported by M. M. de V. Soares and A. Basto, who won two games, but G. Brown and A. A. Remedios were unable to get going and lost all their encounters.

Best Recreio pair were veterans A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira,

Hung took chances, although there was no hurry and this policy paid. Ozorio went off quickly and Eddie himself had a very brief spell as a damaged finger on his bowling hand appeared to be giving him trouble and he never looked dangerous.

Anderson and Lay were able to score freely and when the latter was eventually caught by Silva for a useful 30, the game was as good as won. Eddie Gosano produced a couple of good balls in the murk that had set in at a few minutes to six and clean-bowled Mackay and Zimmern with a couple of beauties, but this only had the effect of making Teddy Fincher shed his nice warm sweater as the runs were hit off almost immediately!

#### LEAGUE TABLES

##### SECTION "A"

|           | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| King's    | 6  | 1  | 5  | 39 | 10 | 10   |
| Chung Wah | 4  | 1  | 3  | 27 | 9  | 6    |
| Recreio   | 6  | 2  | 4  | 28 | 26 | 6    |
| V.R.C.    | 5  | 3  | 2  | 15 | 30 | 4    |
| J.R.C.    | 6  | 6  | 0  | 12 | 42 | 0    |

##### SECTION "B"

|              | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| K.C.C.       | 6  | 0  | 6  | 36 | 19 | 12   |
| St. John's   | 6  | 1  | 5  | 37 | 17 | 10   |
| St. Andrew's | 6  | 4  | 2  | 27 | 27 | 4    |
| Kowloon Tong | 6  | 4  | 2  | 24 | 30 | 4    |
| Police       | 6  | 6  | 0  | 11 | 43 | 0    |

who lost only one game.

D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) beat A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 23-21  
beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho 21-1  
beat E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha 21-3  
M. M. de V. Soares and A. Basto (V.R.C.) lost to A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 10-21  
beat E. A. R. Alves and P. P. Botelho 21-10  
beat E. Alarcon and A. E. Noronha 21-12

lost to A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 12-21  
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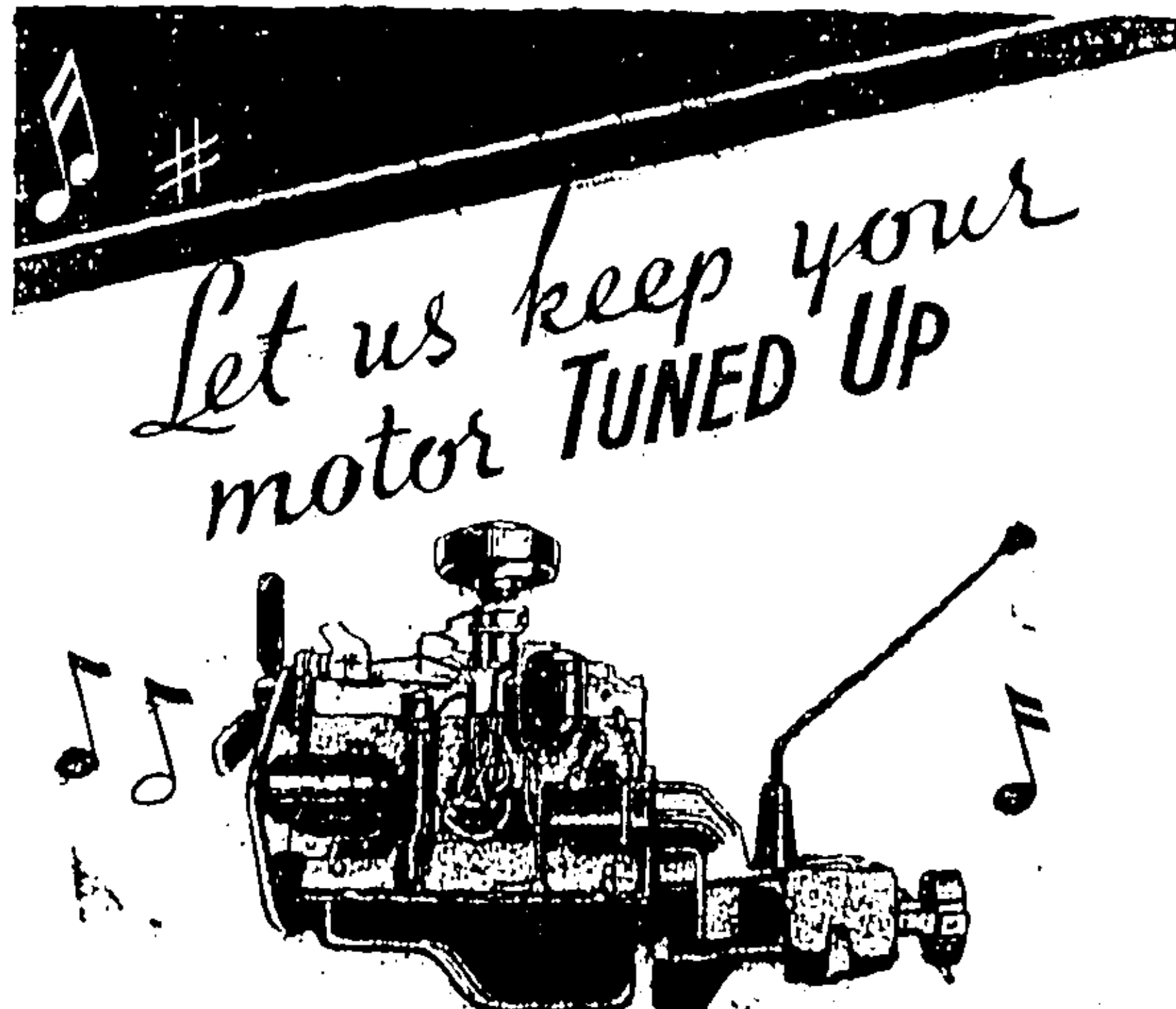
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# DROPPED GOAL BY HUTCHISON BEATS POLICE

By "Scrum-Half"

The only surprise in yesterday's Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches was the defeat of Police "A", winners in 1939 and runners-up last year, by Butterfield and Swire by 4 points to 3.

Police never settled down and then defeat, due to Hutchison's dropped goal, was not surprising in a game that was either side's up to the final whistle. For B & S Macrae, Castleton and Godfrey shone, while Police, who were without Taylor, were best served by Wright-Nooth, who gave them a try in the closing stages, and Dempsey, who failed to convert the try from a difficult angle.

Macrae failed to kick a goal from 40 yards with the wind behind him, and Hutchison made two attempts to drop goals.

The loss of Coombes proved too much for Combined Small Units "A" and, though Morgan played a really good game for them, they were beaten 6-0 by 8th Heavy "A" as the result of a try between the posts by Hook, who charged down an attempted punt ahead by Hamblin caught it and scored easily, only for Marsh to fail to convert, and a second try by Hook just on time.

Macdonald had only one chance and on that occasion he was grassed by Marsh, who, like Richards, was very seldom in the picture.

The gunners did not look a championship team and I think Tamar and Small Ships will prove too good for them.

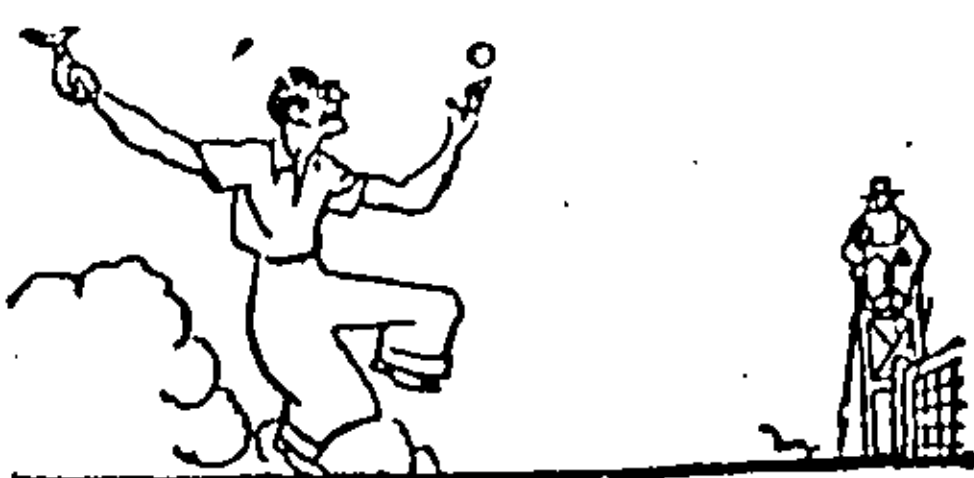
## Sailors Look Good

Tamar and Small Ships "A" were badly handicapped by the loss of Honywill, who is injured, but once they had settled down they were clearly too good for Bank. In the first half Flynn threw away a certain try when he forgot to pass after having got to within five yards of the Bank line. Early in the second half Paul attempted a dropped goal, but the sailors did not open the scoring until Paul had handed off Day to score between the posts, only to miss the kick at goal. Late in the game Bowden made an amazing corkscrew run to score in the corner and Paul failed to convert, Navy thus winning 6-0.

For Navy Paul was outstanding, while Bowden, Carter and King also impressed. The Bank had the speed but they showed lack of combination. Carruthers barely touched the ball once in the game. Kennedy and Day were their best players.

Tamar and Small Ships "A", with Honywill back, look a good side to me, though their weakness at forward may allow Club "A" to carry the day.

Club "B" were a better side than Middlesex "B", who won 5-3, but neglect of Lavalle, who scored their only try, one that Stout should have converted cost them the game. Olesen, Stokes and Benn did well enough, but the outsiders were weak. Wilson appearing to limp before the game started and being a passenger from the first whistle.



## COLONY TENNIS REMINDER

It is notified that entries for the Colony tennis championships, under the auspices of Hong Kong Cricket Club, close on Saturday.

Intending competitors are asked to forward their entries without delay to the Cricket Club. Attention is further drawn to the fact that all surplus funds in connection with the tournament, after expenses have been deducted, will be donated to the "S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund."

# Dropped Catches At Recreio

By "Adrem"

Conditions were again pretty foul for cricket on Sunday but, even with their exposed ground, the wind at Recreio was not as bad as it was on most grounds on the previous day.

The match between Volunteers and Club de Recreio was a very enjoyable one although a high standard was rarely reached.

Recreio had first lease of the wicket and although they had a long tail to their batting, their acknowledged batsmen did so well that they were able to put together the very respectable total—for the ground of 181.

Zinho Gosano and Soares gave the side a good start, the latter batting better than he has done for a long time. For once in a while, he did not try to hit the

cover off the ball in the first over he received, but, playing the better balls carefully, his innings of only 18 was an attractive one.

## That Mashie Shot

Gosano again played his mashie shot over mid-on with great success and was again dropped by Mackay, this time the dolliest of catches to the same position as on the previous day. Fortunately for the fielder, however, the mistake was not on this occasion an expensive one as Gosano was given out l.b.w. after he had scored about four further runs.

M. D'Almada Remedios, who I believe is still in school, played a very fine innings of 31 and would appear to be worth watching as material almost ripe for First Division. He has a very nice defence and played his off shots with confidence. L. G. Gosano scored most of his 27 runs on the leg and Silva played a cheerful knock of 26.

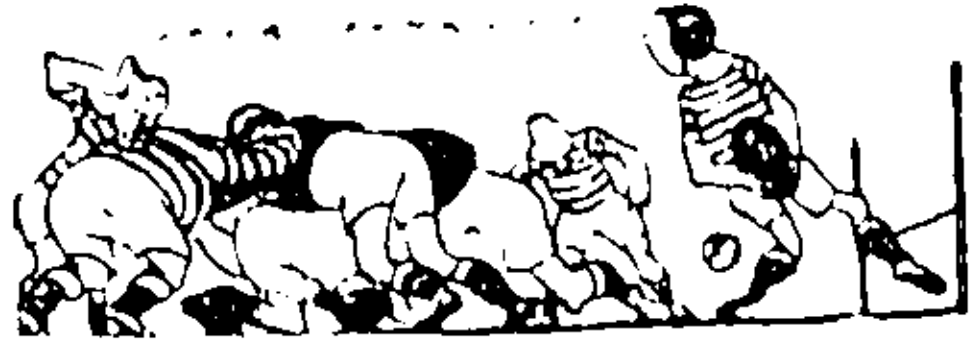
## Partnerships Broken

Lloyd was the best Volunteer bowler, although special men-

tion must be made of Ride's two very useful overs, which brought a wicket in each to break dangerous partnerships.

The fielding on the whole was dreadful. In addition to Mackay's dropped catch, Ernie Zimmermann, in the short time he was on the field—he arrived late—put down three that went to hand besides not seeing a couple of others that he might have got to had his eyes been in better condition. Lloyd missed one in the slips and a couple were dropped by Recreio subs early on, chiefly, I think, because of the strong wind that made the flight of the ball extremely difficult to follow.

Volunteers started well enough although they lost Mackay to a catch behind the wickets early on. Fincher and Perry appeared to find little in the bowling to cause them any worry and later Ernie and Archie Zimmermann both knocked up a few. The one man missing might have made all the difference between success and failure as when the ninth wicket fell their total was only five short of Recreio's and Baxter was still batting.



Freshwater, who scored the "dare" try and converted it, and Muggeridge were prominent for Middlesex.

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## SNOWS HOLD UP ATTACKS

Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to despatches from the front quoted by Athens radio yesterday.

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It is described in an Air Ministry communique issued last night, which says: "This afternoon a squadron of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Calais, while fighters carried out an offensive trip over the Channel and Northern France.

"There was considerable anti-aircraft gunfire but very few enemy aircraft were encountered. "At Calais hits were observed on the quayside and jetty of the tidal harbour. "One fighter aircraft is missing from this operation." — Reuter.

### Attempted German Raid Beaten Off

British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight yesterday and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

The alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft yesterday, mainly over coastal districts in Kent and East Anglia, said the Air Ministry last night.

The communique adds that damage caused was slight but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties. — Reuter.

## FRENCH EMPIRE IN ARMS

"Despite its sufferings the French Empire will again take up arms," declared General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French movement, to 100 French-Canadian officers whose guest at dinner he was yesterday.

The defeat last year was due to bad preparation in face of new methods of warfare and was no disgrace, and that France did not accept defeat was shown by French troops, ships and planes continuing to fight.

A French-Canadian brigadier said the ancestors of the officers present went to Canada centuries ago and had never forgotten La Belle France.

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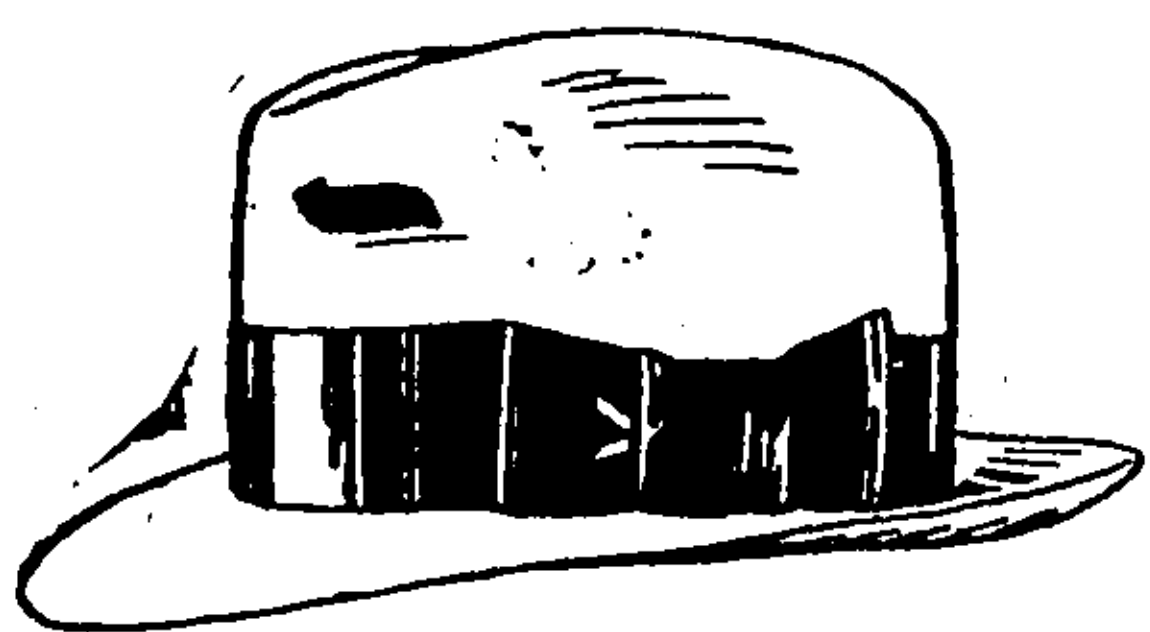
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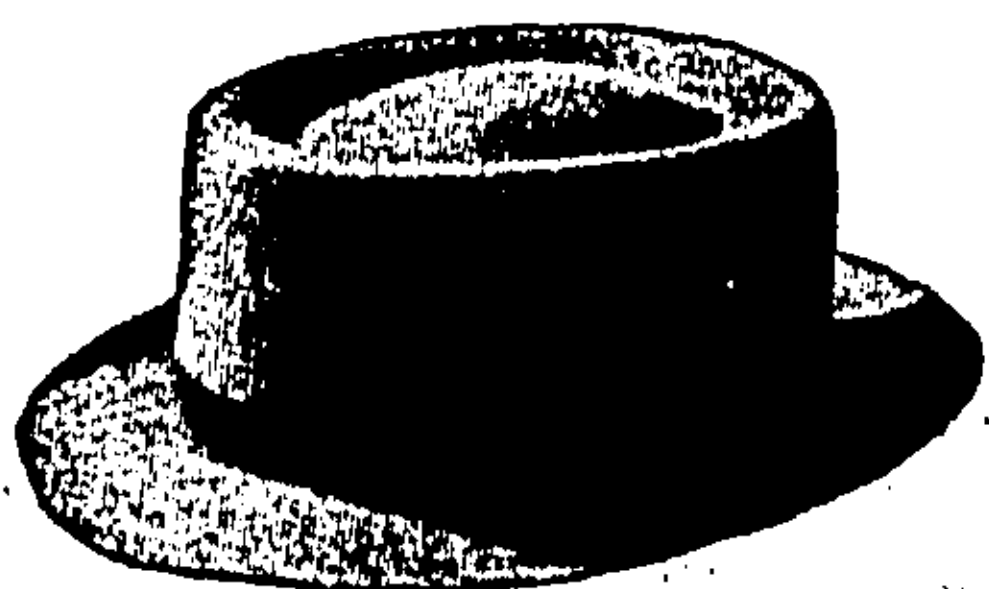
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## SIX KILLED IN AMSTERDAM DISORDERS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It was announced in Amsterdam last night that six were killed and a number injured in clashes with the police in the German-occupied city.

Many persons suspected of nightly attacks on police patrols have been arrested.—International News Service.

## Simultaneous Blows At Many Points Predicted

(By K. Smith, Washington I.N.S. Correspondent, and C. A. Smith, I.N.S. London Correspondent)

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

BRITISH OFFICIALS IN HIGH QUARTERS EXPECT GERMANY TO LAUNCH IN THE NEXT SIXTY DAYS, BEFORE THE END OF MAY THAT IS, THE GREATEST AIR, SEA AND LAND OFFENSIVE THE WORLD HAS EVER WITNESSED, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON LAST NIGHT.

Washington quarters declared that the British Government is convinced that Hitler is getting ready to strike on half a dozen different fronts simultaneously.

## BRITISH OFFER TO LAND FORCE IN SALONIKA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

MUCH SPECULATION has been aroused by the alleged refusal of Greece to accept a British offer to land an Expeditionary Force in Salonika.

New York observers, jumping to conclusions as on the occasion of the Turco-Bulgarian declaration, suggest that the refusal has an ominous ring, all the more so, they say, now that Belgrade reports that 12,000 mechanized Nazi troops are already in Bulgaria.

The conclusion to which certain New York observers seem to have come is that the refusal (which lacks official confirmation, either as to offer or refusal) means that the Greeks are not anxious

to fight Germany and that they are considering yielding to German pressure at least as a possibility.

Well-informed quarters in London point out that there is complete lack of official information on developments and that guesswork and speculation are natural.

### Simple Explanation

If, however, such an offer was refused, it is equally capable of the very simple explanation that the Greeks acted in the understandable desire to avoid provoking Germany to action which it was not certain they would otherwise take.

Nothing in Greek actions or statements justifies any suggestion that they are not prepared to resist invasion from whatever quarter it comes, even though a Nazi drive across their northern border would create new difficulties.

Of most significance, perhaps, in all estimates of the situation should be the close liaison apparent in Ankara between the Turkish, British and Greek representatives.—International News Service and Special.

In the opinion of high military circles in London last night, the onslaught will include an attempted invasion of England.

It is considered highly probable in addition that Hitler, while striking directly at the British Isles, will also launch onslaughts against Ireland, Iceland, Gibraltar, Greece, and British positions in North Africa.

However, it is not believed in the best informed quarters that any serious attack will be made against Britain until Germany has tried, with every resource at her disposal, so to tighten the submarine blockade round Britain and cause such shipping losses that great hardships will become widespread throughout the country.

The big battle of the immediate future, therefore, is likely to be fought out upon the high seas between German and Italian air-directed submarines and the corvettes and other anti-submarine devices which Britain is ready to employ.

### Exaggerated Figures

It is indicated that the German campaign against British and Allied shipping will be prosecuted determinedly both from under the led by massive bombing attacks on British cities, factories, ports and communications.

One suggestion made in American quarters is that between 300 and 400 German and Italian submarines will operate against Bri-

### JAPAN'S MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]  
The new Japanese Minister to Australia, Mr. Kawai, who was formerly spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office is expected to reach Sydney on March 13th.—Our Own Correspondent.

## PHILIPPINE DEFENCE PRECAUTION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT THAT THE WAR DEPARTMENT, AS A RESULT OF THE THREATENING FAR EAST SITUATION, HAS REVOKED THE SCHEDULED TRANSFER OF 68 OFFICERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO OTHER POSTS.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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## "ORANJE" LENT TO BRITAIN

A REPORT FROM BATAVIA STATES THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GOVERNMENT TO PUT THE NEW DUTCH LUXURY LINER "ORANJE" AT THE DISPOSAL OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE CARE OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED TROOPS OF THE NEAR EAST.

Preparations are already well under way to convert the liner into a hospital-ship following consultations among British, Dutch, Australian and New Zealand representatives.

The liner "Oranje" has a displacement of 19,850 tons and was completed in 1938.—Reuter.



# Imperial Forces Closing In On All East African Fronts

## MATSUOKA OFFER TO MOSCOW

Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of the Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier, Rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and Modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth (which ended the Russo-Japanese War in 1904) placing Japanese economic privileges on Saghalien and fishing rights in Soviet waters on a purely commercial basis.

The correspondent emphasises the significance of Japanese circles canvassing a pact involving unilateral concessions from Japan to Russia.

He adds that these suggestions seem to imply a postponement of Japanese southward expansion making that expansion subordinate to an agreement with the Soviet. —Reuter.

## EASTERN GROUP SUPPLIES

At question time in the Indian Assembly yesterday the Government spokesman said the newly appointed Eastern Group Supply Council, formed as a result of the Eastern Group Conference, would broadly speaking receive demands for supplies from overseas forces and governments of the Eastern Group countries and have them met, if possible, within the Eastern Group.

The Council would work through the governments of the various countries concerned. Its decisions were not mandatory to the Government of India nor would they be placed before the Assembly for discussion in case they were accepted by the Government of India. —Reuter.

## Pincer Operations Against Keren Make Good Progress

### AUSTRALIA BUILDING MERCHANTMEN

Senator McBride, Australian Minister of Supply, announced in Sydney yesterday that the Federal Government would begin immediately the building of merchant ships. —Reuter.

### RUSSIA AND RUMANIA TALK TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA AND RUMANIA, WHICH HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING DURING THE PAST YEAR, ENDED YESTERDAY WITH THE SIGNING OF A TRADE AND SHIPPING AGREEMENT AND AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING GOODS AND PAYMENTS.

This is according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

An exchange of goods to the value of \$8,000,000 is foreseen in the first treaty year.

Rumania will deliver chiefly naptha and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese. —Reuter.

### TEA QUOTA CUT

The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2½ per cent to 90 per cent for the next control year ending March 31, 1942, says Reuter from London.

**FURTHER PROGRESS** by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself local activity continues.

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area and further south are causing the evacuation of more Italian forts.

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops on Tuesday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing.

"In the Gelib area prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 886 colonial troops."

A South African formation captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth and made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

### Night March In Desert

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by a Gold Coast regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communications between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

The Gold Coast brigade which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across the Juba, completed the operation and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000, while in addition many enemy who escaped to the bush are now retreating and surrendering.

### Waving White Flags

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along the beach

## TARANTO SUCCESS CONFIRMED

Damage done to the Italian fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto, as announced by the Admiralty, has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class has apparently been abandoned as a total loss.

Another vessel of this class and a Vittoria class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action.

There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by an aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or regarding two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water. —Reuter.

## SOMALILAND CAPITAL FALLS: MAJOR STROKE

"ALTHOUGH HUNDREDS of miles of valueless and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardafui, capture of the capital of Italian Somaliland is a major stroke in the coastal offensive," runs a cable received in London from Nairobi last night.

It continues: "From Mogadiscio two all-weather roads, considered equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run one northwards towards the Djibouti railway and Hafar and the other westwards to Lugh.

"The final collapse of the Juba front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defensive in the face of mobile forces.

"By a series of rapid feints the defenders were bewildered and pontoons easily countered the value of bridgeheads.

"News that the enemy was across the river against all expectation and was making mushroom inroads into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale.

"All forces share the glory of the success.

"The King's African Rifles captured Liboe, Afmadu and Kismayu and cut off the Gelib garrison from Brava.

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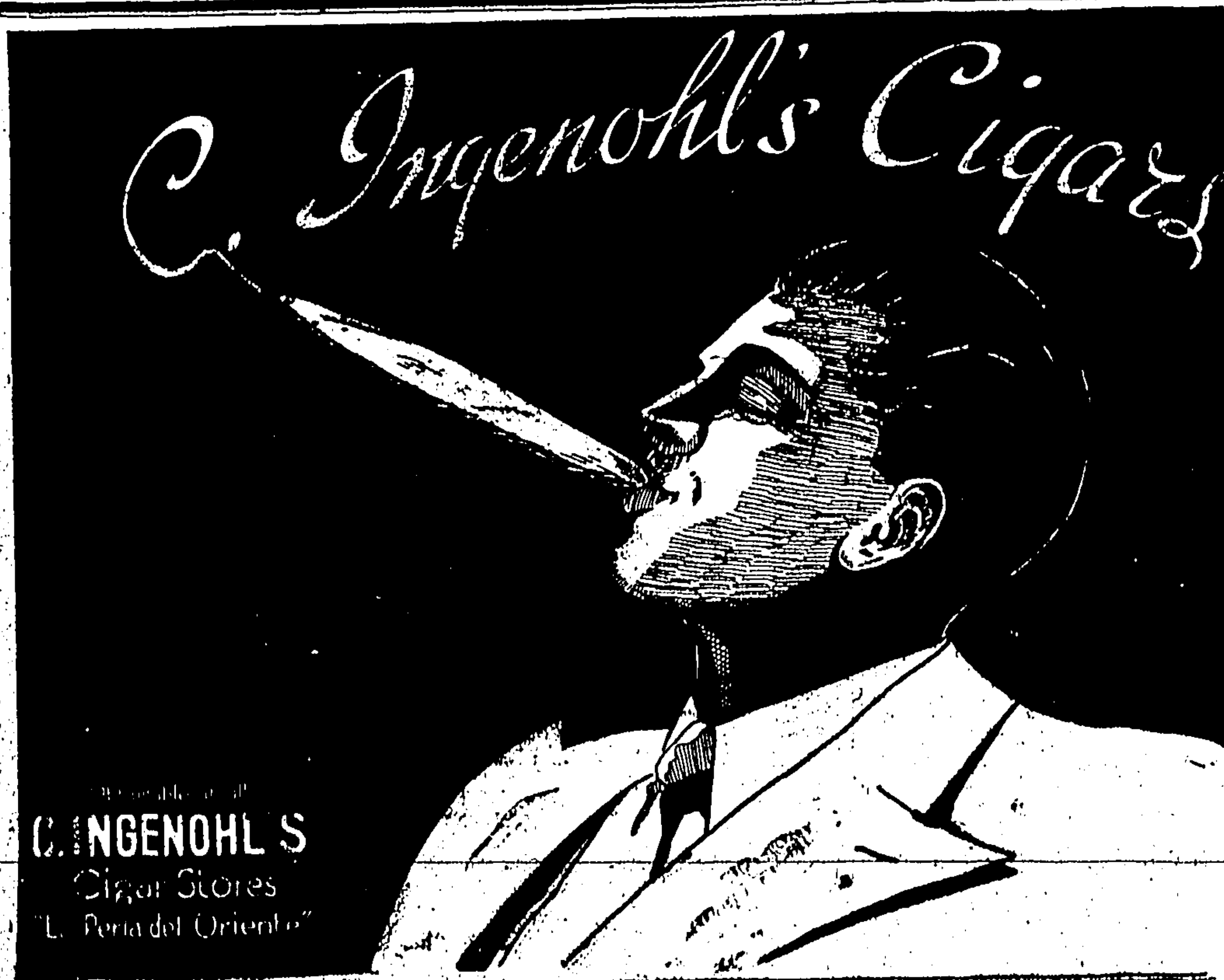
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"South Africans captured Gobwen, Jumbo and Gelib with its garrison, while East Africans and West Africans shared in the taking of the capital." —Reuter.

## NAZI NAVAL MAN KILLED

ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN U-BOAT COMMANDERS OF THE LAST WAR, VICE-ADMIRAL LOTHAR DE LA FERRIERE, A GERMAN NAVAL COMMANDER FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORY, MET WITH A FATAL ACCIDENT ON MONDAY. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

Admiral Roeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Grand Fleet, yesterday paid a warm tribute to the dead man, whom he declared "was honoured by friend and foe alike." —Reuter.





# Admiral Stark And Willkie Scheme

**INVASION IS LESS IMMINENT THAN A YEAR AGO, IN THE OPINION OF GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, UNITED STATES CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF.**

This, and other views on the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy, were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee yesterday.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative.

He worked on the basis of getting ready at the earliest possible moment.

## Favourable Speed

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at a "very favourable speed."

Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that the transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by Mr. Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

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**BRITAIN HAS ENTERED a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.**

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons yesterday when he characterised the action as a violation of international law.

On January 31, he added, the competent Rumanian authorities informed the Chilean Legation who were in charge of Polish interests, in Rumania, that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest.

Only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss.

## Would Not Forget

Sir Reginald Hoare, our Minister, immediately expressed the strongest disapproval of this attitude.

Subsequently, on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

## Delayed, But -

When the British Minister left Bucharest it was understood that the Rumanian Government had, at least temporarily, delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Sir William Davison (Cons. South Kensington) declared there would be warm satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest. -Reuter.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved rapidly southward and pressure is now highest over the Pacific to the southeast of Japan; it is relatively low over Indo-China and a shallow depression is situated to the south of Korea and appears to be moving eastward.

# HOPE OF END TO INDIA POLITICAL DEADLOCK

**THE HOPE THAT in a very short time the political deadlock would be resolved and that, with India's willing support, Britain would promptly defeat her enemies, was expressed by the general secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, premier Hindu communal organisation and counterpart of the Muslim League, speaking in Madras yesterday.**

The secretary, who is having discussions with a number of leading politicians, declared the Mahasabha had already decided to take advantage of the situation and help in the militarisation and industrialisation of India.

Therefore it felt at one with the British Government in the matter of the defence of India. The Mahasabha all over the country had been ordered to speed up Hindu militarisation boards and take up the work in right earnest.

Intensive propaganda would be carried out to support the recruitment of Hindu youths for the army, navy, air force, also to maintain contact with recruiting officers. -Reuter.

# SHANGHAI MAY GO SHORT OF LIGHT

Unless regular coal shipments arrive in Shanghai within the immediate future, the International Settlement faces the possibility of having its supply of electricity curtailed within a month or two.

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A total of Straits \$5,000,000 was reached yesterday by the publicly subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F., says Reuter.

# CAUTIOUS MR. HULL

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State in the United States Cabinet, is known far and wide as an extremely cautious speaker. Striving always for scientific accuracy, he so qualifies every statement that he is the despair of reporters in Press conferences. His extreme care in statement is best exemplified by this tale told of him:-

One day he was riding on a train, when a friend pointed out of the window to a fine flock of sheep grazing in a field.

"Look. Those sheep have been sheared," said the friend.

Hull studied the sheep. "Sheared on this side, anyway," he admitted.

# GERMAN ADVISER TALE AGAIN

A contingent of over 80 German and Italian military advisers has arrived at Hainan Island, off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports in Shanghai.

It is stated they are being organised into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports allege that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft-carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongkin Bay and adjoining islands.

Ninety thousand fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan. -Reuter.

# SWEDISH DEFENCE BUDGET

The Swedish Parliament yesterday adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93,000,000 kronor for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs. -Reuter.

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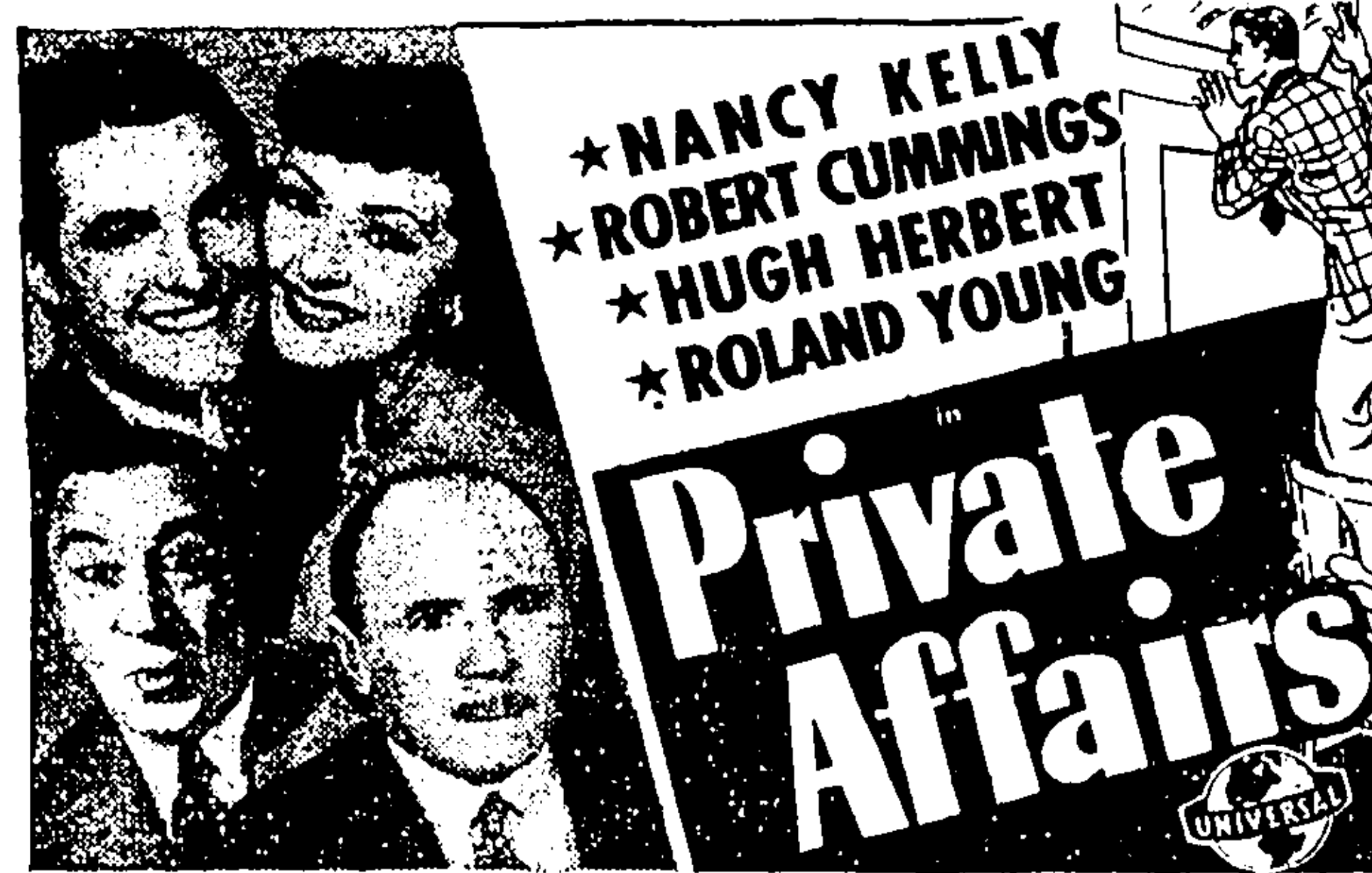
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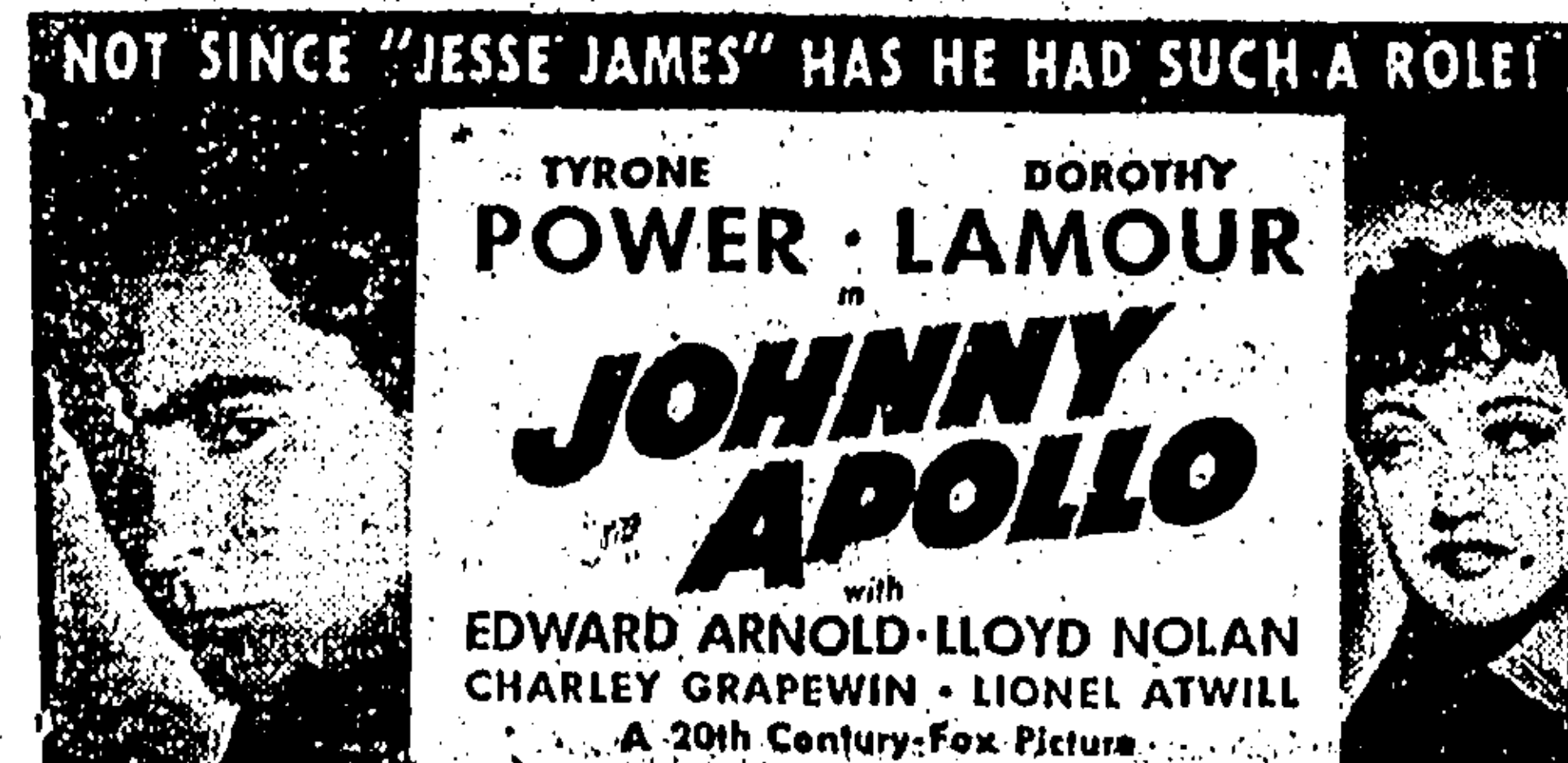
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(From Reuter's Special Correspondent  
in Lashio)

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IMPEDE THE STEADY FLOW OF TRAFFIC  
ALONG THE BURMA ROAD. THAT IS THE  
CONCLUSION I HAVE REACHED AFTER A  
10-DAY TRIP ALONG THE ROAD IN A CON-  
VOY OF 10 LORRIES.**

It has been damaged by Japanese bombs  
but a ferry service is now carrying 100 fully  
loaded trucks each way daily, and when more  
ferries and connecting roads are completed,  
as many trucks as the road can carry will be  
transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a  
few planks strapped on empty petrol  
drums and is pulled across  
the river by a stationary lorry.  
The ferry works during the  
night and is dismantled during  
the day so there is no danger  
from Japanese air attacks.  
Even if this simple ferry were  
damaged, another could speedily  
be prepared.

## Effective System

The Burma road is subject to  
frequent dislocation by landslides  
and flood but the Chinese organis-  
ation of permanent gangs of coolies  
along the road is so effective  
that traffic has not been interrupted  
for more than 24 hours at a  
time during the past 12 months,  
and that includes the rainy season.  
After seeing these natural haz-  
ards I find it hard to believe  
that aerial bombardment could  
offer an equal menace to the  
steady flow of traffic.

## 160 Trucks Daily

When the road was first re-  
opened about 40 trucks daily left  
Burma for China, carrying 100  
tons of cargo exclusive of petrol  
for the journey, but by the mid-  
dle of January 160 trucks went  
through daily, carrying 250 tons.  
The completion of petrol dumps  
shortly will enable more cargo to  
be carried.—Reuter.

# MARCHING BY SIDE OF BRITAIN

The Palestine Arab  
newspaper "Touqan" wrote yesterday that the  
Arab shares with the sons  
of Britain feelings regard-  
ing political facts and  
issues.

The Arab observes that the  
policy of the dictator powers is  
based on despotism and tyranny  
and notices that British policy is  
founded on mutual respect and  
striving to help weak nations to  
rise and prosper.

Arabs are well aware that  
nationalism can neither grow  
nor exist under a dictatorial  
regime, where thoughts and  
actions are permeated with  
the idea of racial superiority,  
driving them to annihilate na-  
tionalism.

Arabs feel it is in their in-  
terest to march side by side with  
Britain in this war, offering all  
help available in the glorious  
struggle, bearing in mind that  
Democracy is consistent with the  
principles of the Arabs and Islam.  
—Reuter.

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# LOYALS EMBRACE MOUSTACHE RAISING

More than 30 per cent.  
of the officers and men of  
the Loyal Regiment in  
Singapore (the Battalion  
was in Shanghai previous-  
ly) are beginning to look  
fierce. They are respond-  
ing to a wish by their  
commanding officer,  
Lieut. Col. M. Eltrington,  
that "all ranks shall cease  
to shave the upper lip."

The morning shave at Gillman  
Barracks has been accompan-  
ied by closer looks into the mirror for  
everybody competed for the prize  
offered by the commanding officer  
to the best-looking moustache  
grown by a certain date.

The task of tackling a moustache  
tickled the troops. They respond-  
ed wholeheartedly to the wish of  
their commanding officer.

Some are beginning to look like  
Hitler — only a little kinder.

One private declared proudly,  
"Yes, I'm beginning to get one  
now — it's not much to look at,  
admittedly, but it's growing and  
competing for that prize."

"Oh," he went on, "you should  
see the Drum-Major's. It's a  
beauty."

Officers are setting an example  
to the men, and some have reared  
either trim or bushy affairs.

The subalterns took extra care  
over their moustaches too, for the  
adjutant of the regiment offered a  
prize for the best exhibit among  
them. — Reuter.

# JUNK PIRACY CHARGES

Six men, So Chan-  
kui, So Ah-kam, So Chu-  
sum, So Leung-pak, So  
Cheung and So Leung-  
Tai were charged at the  
Criminal Sessions this  
morning before the Chief  
Justice, Sir Atholl Mac-  
Gregor, with robbery on a  
junk on December 4.

Third accused was defended by  
Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by  
Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The prosecution is being con-  
ducted by Mr. J. P. Murphy, as-  
sisted by Detective Sergeant Es-  
tall.

The jury is composed of Messrs.  
Paul Braga (foreman), Vincent  
Lui, Lui Yu-cheuk, Hung Ying-  
tai, Chan Kwan-chu, C. A. Bar-  
retto and L. D. Walsh.

Mr. Murphy said that all de-  
fendants were charged with rob-  
bery and first defendant addi-  
tionally with unlawful possession  
of 14 rounds of ammunition.

On December 4, he said, a junk,  
T5180H, left Shauiwan with pas-  
sengers and crew, and a cargo of  
mixed merchandise, consisting of  
rice, flour, matches, vegetables and  
coal for Chinese territory.

At 10 p.m., close to Tat Hong  
Point, well within British waters,  
three sailing boats hailed the junk.  
Shots were fired and these were  
returned. Several men boarded  
the junk. One of them was armed.

The passengers and crew were  
transferred to one of the boats,  
taken to Chinese territory and  
landed.

At 10.15, the junk was seen by  
the Naval Authorities in the  
minefield off Tat Hong Point. The  
junk was picked up and a man  
who claimed to be the master was  
found aboard. He was handed  
over to the Police and later charg-  
ed with entering the minefield. He  
was granted bail, did not again  
appear and had not been heard  
of since.

Of the four members of the  
crew, only one, Lee Chui, could  
identify any of the robbers.

Evidence would be called to  
show that, on December 5, So  
Chan-kui, first accused, engaged  
So Yee-hing to carry goods from  
Aberdeen to Shamshui. So  
Yee-hing was not to be paid in  
cash but was to receive part of  
the goods he was transporting.  
He was given a rattan basket  
and cloth later identified as be-  
longing to a member of the crew  
of the robbed junk.

So Yee-hing arrived in Sham-  
shui next day and the police  
found in his possession the cargo  
he had been given in payment.  
Defendants were arrested shortly  
after.

The case is proceeding.

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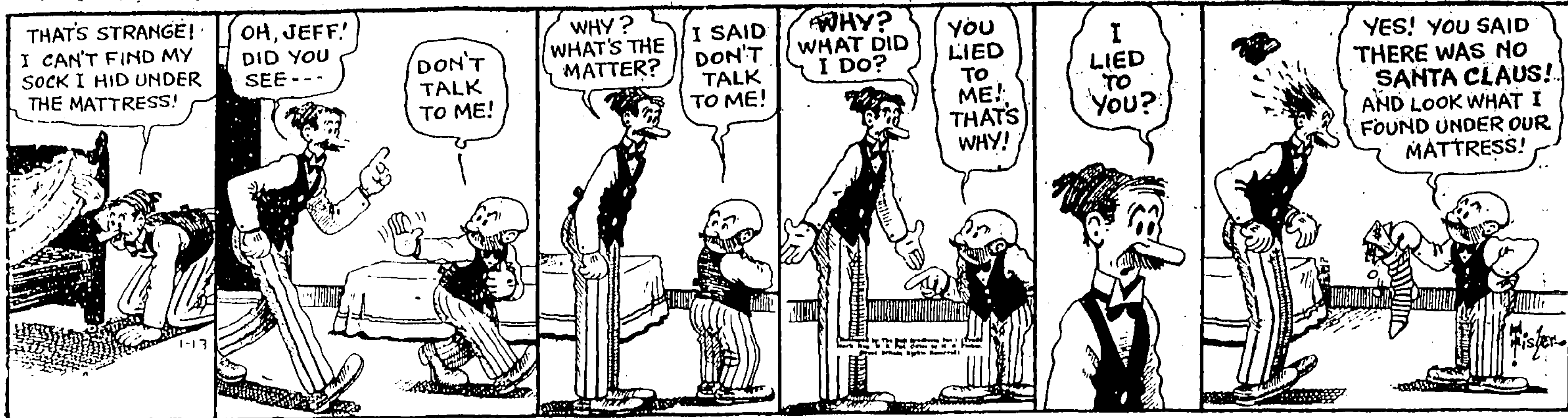


TO-MORROW Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. "SAFARI"  
Madeleine Carroll in



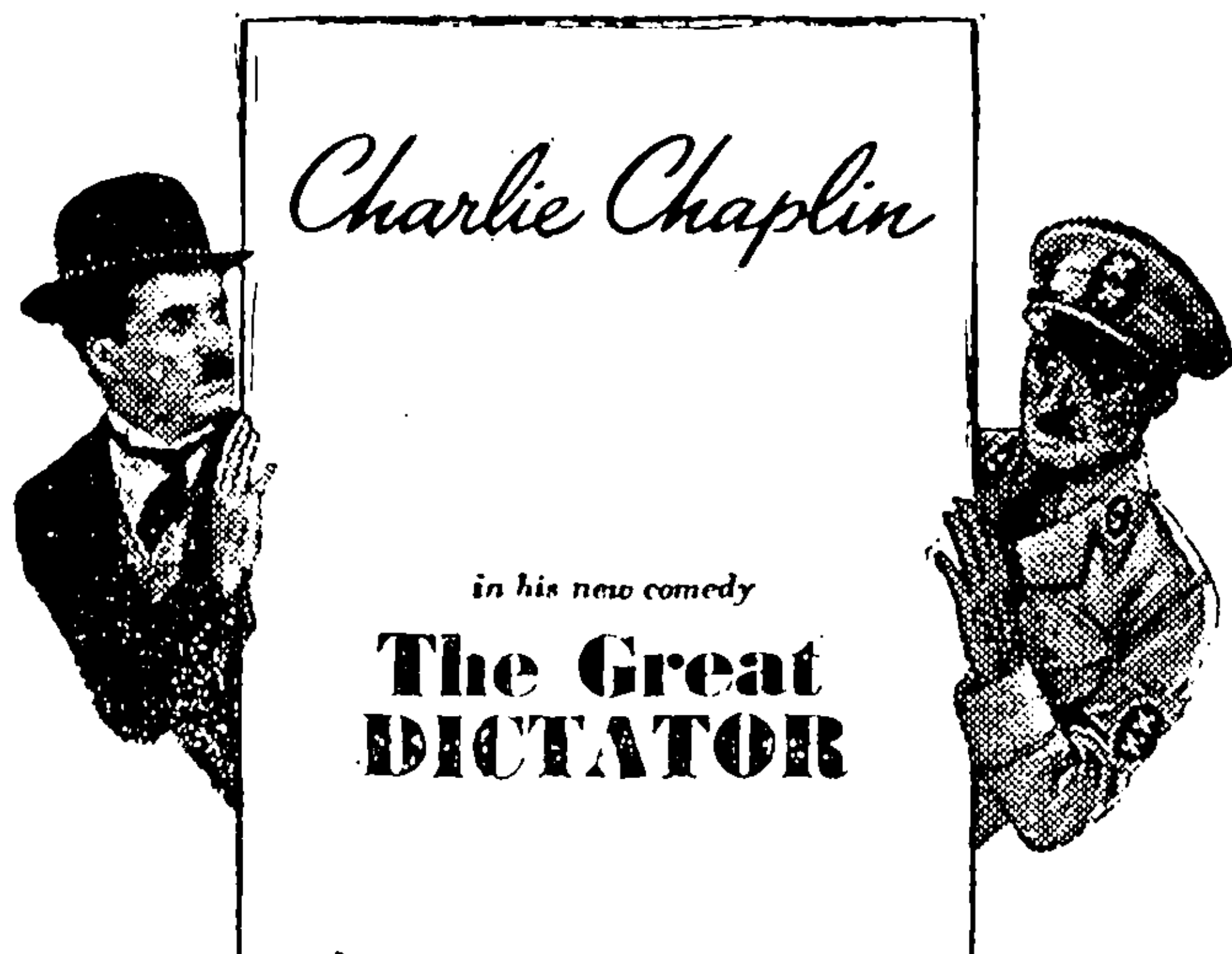
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By BUD FISHER



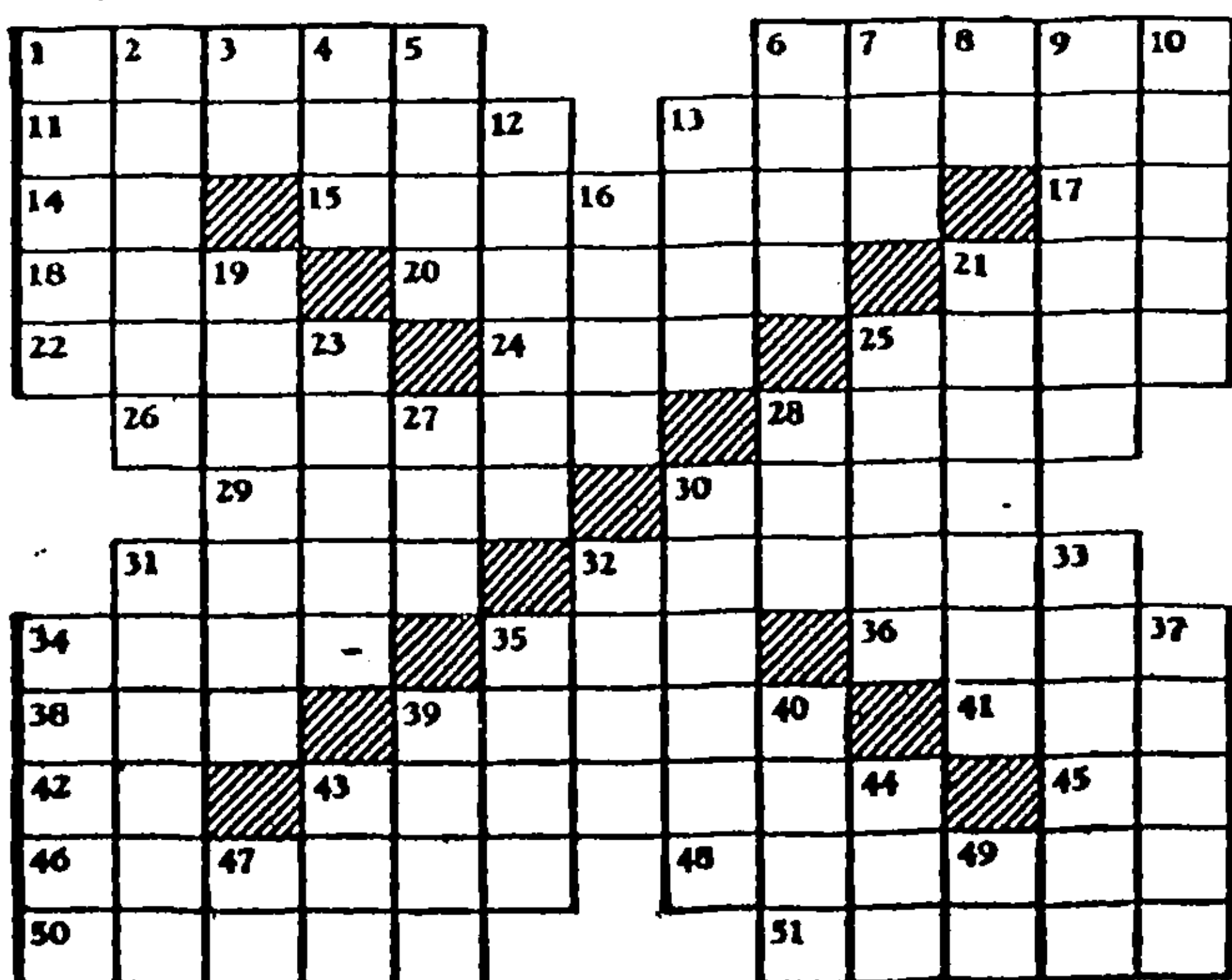
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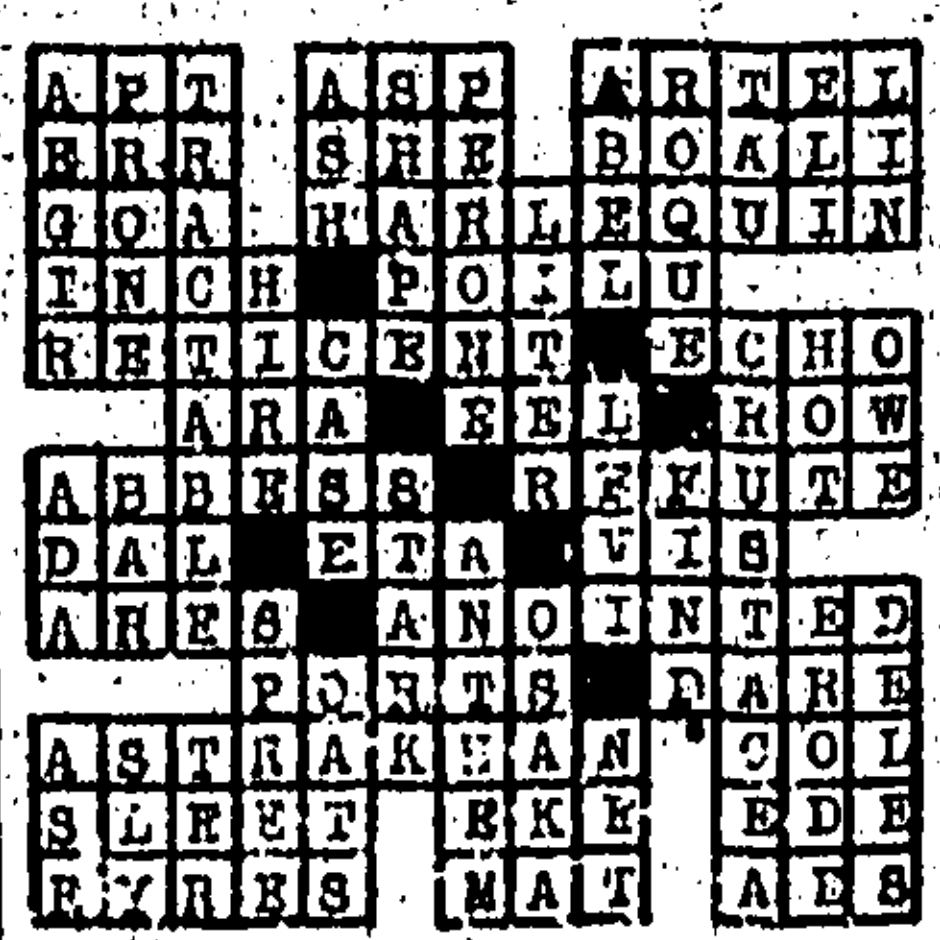
## HORIZONTAL

- 1 Former French capital
- 6 Contract
- 11 Forge
- 13 Large flat fish
- 14 Chinese measure
- 15 Apparent
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 High mountain
- 20 Unaccompanied
- 21 Soft substance
- 22 Calf meat
- 24 Parcel of land
- 25 Speed contest
- 26 Three-legged stool
- 28 Nothing more than
- 29 To pack
- 30 Palm tree
- 31 Merriment
- 32 Grave robbers
- 34 Nobleman
- 35 Wing
- 36 Network
- 38 Some
- 39 To turn inside out
- 41 Split pulse

## VERTICAL

- 1 Caucasian tribe
- 2 Good-luck charm
- 3 Japanese measure
- 4 Pronoun
- 5 African tree
- 6 Geometrical design
- 7 Unit of work
- 8 Hebrew month
- 9 To soothe
- 10 Public warehouse
- 12 Xanthic
- 13 Shade
- 16 Disposition
- 19 Biennial herb
- 21 Released on good behaviour
- 23 Measure of capacity
- 25 To happen again
- 27 American poet
- 28 To bellow
- 30 To accuse
- 31 To give rise to
- 32 Secluded valley
- 33 Brands
- 34 American author
- 35 To affirm
- 37 Choicest part
- 39 At any time
- 40 Topic
- 43 Philippine Island ward division
- 44 Female ruff
- 47 City in Chaldea
- 49 Colloquial: mother

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



## BOSPHORUS BLAZE MYSTERY

A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus, was reported in an Istanbul telegram to the Stefani agency in Rome yesterday.

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats.

It was only after prolonged efforts that firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened. — Reuter.

## KUNMING HEAVILY BOMBED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Thirty Japanese aircraft bombed Kunming yesterday.

Huge conflagrations were started by incendiary bombs in the south-east part of the city, and these were still burning last night.

The majority of the people residing in these areas had been evacuated and fortunately there were only a few casualties.—Our Own Correspondent.

between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

## ALLOWED FRIEND TO DRIVE

Summoned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his motor-cycle in Prince Edward Road, Mr. G. A. Arnold, of No. 6, Duke Street, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

A similar fine was imposed on Mr. A. S. Szydlowski for driving the motor-cycle, No. 899, without a driving licence.

Sergeant Clarke said the cycle was stopped in Prince Edward Road. Mr. Arnold was on the back seat, and Szydlowski was driving.

## FRAUD ATTEMPT

Chan Wing, 25, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning for attempting to obtain goods by false pretences.

According to Sgt. Willson, defendant went to No. 41, Hing Lung Street, and produced an order, bearing the chop of the Wing Sang Comproadore, for a dozen bottles of Bovril, six tins of Ovaltine and a dozen tins of mustard.

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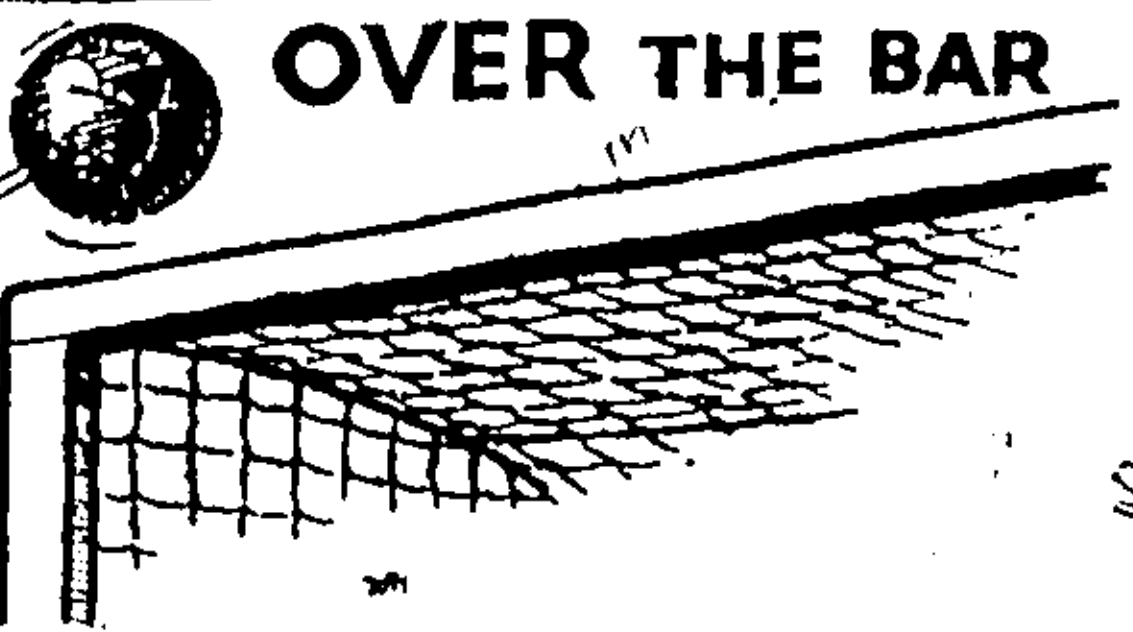
Joan Blondell and Dick Powell

"I WANT A DIVORCE"

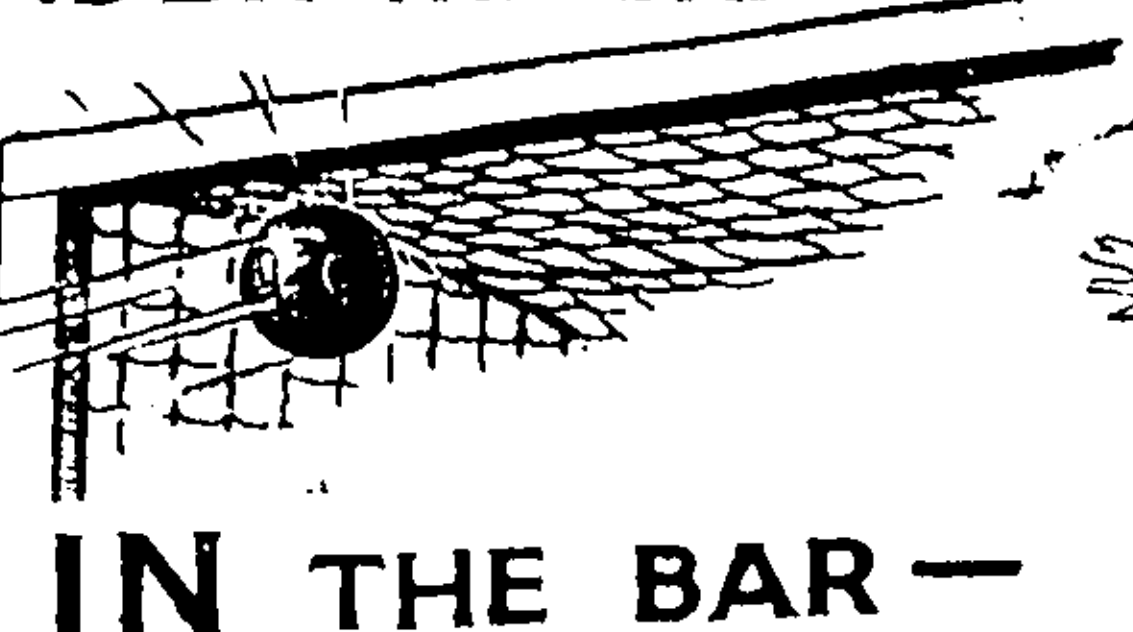
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# FRENCH SUFFERINGS UNDER NAZI HEEL

INTERESTING INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE IS CONTAINED IN LENGTHY CORRESPONDENCE GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE CHUNGKING "TA KUNG PAO."

A letter published by the paper stated: "Although France to-day is not at war, the sufferings of her people far surpass conditions when France was at war.

"People begin to wonder what they are suffering for. They are willing to undergo hardships if they themselves are fighting.

"German troops in occupied France are estimated at 80 divisions, or approximately 1,600,000 men. They are clothed, fed and housed in France.

"French factories are turning out aeroplanes and guns for Germany, which is also collecting and transporting all farm products back to Germany.

"Millions of unredeemable marks are circulated in France for the purpose of French products. Letters and telegrams between occupied and unoccupied France are forbidden.

## Clothing Shortage

"The clothing shortage in occupied France is acute, there being no new shipments of materials, particularly woollen goods. In winter, shops are only displaying summer and spring clothing.

"German troops have bought up all silk stockings and cosmetics which have been sent back to Germany.

"Food is rationed, each person being allowed daily 350 grammes of bread. No meat is permitted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the remaining four days each person is allowed 60 grammes of meat.

"Oil is rationed at 100 grammes weekly and sugar at 500 grammes monthly. Pork cannot be found since the Germans are said to be particularly fond of it. All pigs are shipped to Germany.

"There are 1,838,000 residents in Paris. There is no housing shortage but no coal is making the winter unendurable.

"A strict black-out is enforced throughout the occupied territories."—Reuter.

## FILMING THE WAR

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION STATED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT ON LAND ACCREDITED NEWS-REEL CAMERAMAN AND CAMERAMAN OF THE ARMY FILM UNIT COVER ALL IMPORTANT OPERATIONS.

At sea, it has so far been possible to cover almost all major operations by accrediting news-reel cameramen to the chief shore commands and stationing a few film photographers on particular ships.

Unfortunately, in the case of the bombardment of Genoa, a cameraman was unavoidably prevented from being present.

In the air the problem of accommodation is especially difficult but efforts were made to secure as full a film record of the air war as circumstances permit.—British Wireless.

## WEYGAND RETURNS TO ALGIERS

GENERAL WEYGAND ARRIVED AT ALGIERS BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A FORTNIGHT'S TOUR OF FRENCH WEST AFRICA.—REUTER.

## Suspense Peters Out

Two or three R.A.F. Intelligence officers examining Italian aircraft abandoned at Bardia suddenly found themselves hemmed in by hundreds of Italians.

The story, however, as told in an Air Ministry news bulletin, peters out sadly—as far as the Italians were concerned.

The crowd rushed up to them with pieces of white paper in hats or waving white handkerchiefs and other white objects.

"When I asked them where they were going," said an R.A.F. officer who speaks Italian fluently, "they replied they were searching round to join a column of men who had given themselves up.

"They were afraid someone would shoot at them as they made their way along the wadi to join the prisoners' column.

"I had to assure them they would be all right if they just went along and surrendered."—British Wireless.

## EGYPTIAN ENVOY CHATS WITH M.P.S

THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY ADDRESSED A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING OF MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COL. ARTHUR EVANS, M.P., AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The meeting was arranged by the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and is one of a number of similar gatherings planned in the hope of affording private expert guidance on aspects of the war and repercussions.

The Egyptian Ambassador dealt at length with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, the Egyptian position in relation to the war and the future of Egypt.—British Wireless.

## A WAR WEAPONS WEEK RECORD

The National Savings Committee announces that Elland (Yorkshire) raised by its War Weapons Week £650,034 compared with an aim of £250,000.

The result represents £33/15/5d per head of the 19,247 population and is a new record, the previous best being £28/9/10d at Halifax, Yorkshire.

Other results announced at Newport (Monmouth), £894,115, and Rushden, £406,043.—British Wireless.

## FOOD CONTROL BOARD FOR MACAO

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A Food Control Board is to be instituted in Macao. It was learned last night that details of the organisation and powers of the Board are under discussion.

The Macao Government received telegraphic instructions from Lisbon yesterday, sanctioning the setting up of the Board.—Our Own Correspondent.

## MERELY AT BEGINNING OF TASK

Devastation in Britain is much less than the world has been led to believe, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking in London yesterday.

The Germans would never win the war by knocking over houses, he added. They could not win till they had knocked over the spirit of the British people.

The Empire was merely at the beginning of the task facing it, but Mr. Menzies expressed satisfaction at the Australian war effort.

Over 400,000 people were producing munitions and there would be nearly 600,000 before the end of the year.

Altogether 75 firms were making machine-tools compared with five at the outbreak of war.

## At Peak

Aircraft production was so successful that Australia proposed to export elementary training machines to other Dominions by the middle of the year. They were also producing other types.

Achievements in the next 12 months would be three times that of the past year. Australia's contribution to victory would be at the peak when most needed.—Reuter.

## Strange Belief

Mr. Menzies spoke of the lunatic folly of the Nazis on which they based the strange belief, for which there was no warrant in history, that British women have no spirit or that British women have less courage than British men.

Mr. Menzies added: "Very many people in this city and in this country have said to me and other Australians, 'How marvellous it is that you Australians, all those thousands of miles away from us, should be doing what you are doing in this war.'

"This is a generous emotion but I have a grave intellectual quarrel with it. It is not marvellous that Australians should be doing what they are doing."

"If this were your fight and we were courageously helping you, I should say that would be true but this is our fight just as much as it is yours."

"If there is one thing that is clear to every British citizen living in any part of the British world it is that your fight is mine and my fight is yours."—British Wireless.



# CHINA MAIL

## THE PARTNERS SPEAK

The two European Axis partners have spoken but it is extremely doubtful whether the most ardent Nazi or Fascist received any reassurance from what their leaders said. The Italians certainly did not. Mussolini's speech, which was, as he himself confessed, given reluctantly, was nothing more than a series of feeble excuses for Italy's downfall for which he alone is responsible. He put forward the argument that as Italy was unprepared for the war—at the same time as she had already been at war for six years—her losses were understandable.

In the next breath he declared that Italy was supporting the weight of 2,000,000 soldiers and an enormous air force and artillery. He gave, indeed, some interesting figures of the great preparations which were made to capture Egypt and destroy British might in the Mediterranean area. He had sent, he said, 1,900 guns of all calibres and of the most recent type, more than 15,300 machine-guns, 11,000,000 artillery shells, more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons, 24,000 tons of clothing and 759 armoured cars. These figures, outlining the careful preparations the Italians had made in Libya, are worth quoting as they not only refute his statements of "unpreparedness", but they also indicate the strength against which the British had to contend, and give an idea of the amount of "war materials" captured. His further plaintive complaint that Italy had always been obliged to fight her wars far afield was a gross mis-statement as Albania cannot be considered far away. Mussolini, who constantly asserts that he is the spotless child of truth, can, when the occasion suits him, prevaricate as well as his partner in crime, who wrote in his book "Mein Kampf", "In the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility."

Hitler's speech in which he kindly informed his listeners that he was "feeling more fresh than ever," was given on the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Nazi Party. It lasted one and a half hours, the greater part being occupied in retracing the growth of the Nazi party and incidentally, his own rise from the obscure rank of a disgruntled agitator, to his present position as unhappy figurehead of the German nation. Hitler's speech differed from Mussolini's only in the fact that the latter has already tasted the bitter fruit of defeat and was trying to soothe his people for his diplomatic failures and catastrophic military rebuffs, while the former spoke of the preparations Germany was making to defeat "Enemy No. 1" as Mussolini described the British people. There were, however, various points in Hitler's speech which call for comment, both on account of their inaccuracies, but also because of the facts which they were intended to conceal.

His talk of the Versailles Treaty, his protestations of innocence, his desire for justice have been repeated so often—they have become a formula in all his public utterances—that even the German people looking at Europe today must feel that these declarations of peaceful intentions are somewhat out of date, but here and there cautiously interpolated sentences hold the attention. One of these injected thoughts was embodied in his remark that "only a few fools could ever think of revolution in Germany. I have taken on," he added, "many democratic enemies in the past and have always been victorious." This strange reference to the state of mind developing in Germany is significant and hardly, one would think, necessary for a beloved leader to utter. Against whom was the threat directed? The Fuehrer then expressed the readiness of Germany to "measure our strength again." We like this word, "again". Was Hitler think-

## THE SAME OLD RECORD



AD NAUSEAM

# Empire Heroes East And West

British airmen operating against the Italians in the Middle East, as well as against the Nazis in Germany and occupied territory are included in the latest lists of awards issued by the British Air Ministry. The airmen come from many parts of the Empire.

Major Robert Henning Preller is the first South African pilot to be decorated in this war. He is serving in the Middle East and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. While operating over Italian territory his plane was hit and forced down. He was listed as lost. For fourteen days he tramped across the desert, suffering terrible hardship, but eventually staggered into the British lines. He gave directions which led to the rescue of his air crew. His deed was one of great endurance.

Another pilot serving in the Middle East who has been awarded the D.F.C. is Acting Flight Lieutenant William Weir Campbell. He is in charge of a flying boat. He sank two Italian submarines in two days and machine-gunned a third because he had run short of bombs. He is known as "Dead Eye Dick."

While on patrol he sighted his first submarine and immediately set his plane into a dive. As he flattened out, he released his bombs. The submarine reared out of the water, nose first, like a stricken fish, and then slid back again vertically and sank from sight. All that remained was a patch of bubbles.

The following day he spotted an Italian submarine on the surface. Again he dived and before the crew realised they were being attacked, he had let go his bombs. They found a mark beside the conning tower. In spite of a rough sea and a gathering storm, Campbell taxied his flying boat with great skill among the wreckage of the submarine and rescued four of the crew. He then resumed his patrol and spotted a third submarine. Although he had no bombs left he dived to the

ing of his lost opportunities and his failure to win the first bout last September? These are a few of the chinks in Hitler's armour which show the world that he is not as invincible as he would like it to think. Possibly our Far East neighbour, Japan, will not fail to draw the necessary conclusion.

attack on two occasions and machine-gunned the boat. At the end of the day he returned to his base and handed over his prisoners. In the announcement of the award it is stated that Acting Flight Lieutenant Campbell had shown "skill, initiative and devotion to duty."

Flight Sergeant Bertram James Thomas, of the Middle East Command, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. By a superhuman effort he saved his plane and the life of his air gunner. After a dive bombing raid on a gun position he attacked an Italian aircraft. He was hit by an explosive bullet and severely wounded in the right shoulder. Behind him his observer was killed. Despite his weakness through loss of blood, Flight Sergeant Thomas set his course for Berbera, about forty miles away. Almost exhausted by loss of blood, and with his right shoulder useless, he made a successful landing, with the undercarriage of his plane retracted. The official description of his bravery is "a superhuman effort."

Seven fighter pilots who receive awards, six the D.F.C. and one a bar to the D.F.C., have between them shot down 54 aircraft over Britain and Dunkirk. Pilot Officer W. L. McKnight, a Canadian, receives the bar to the D.F.C. He has destroyed six German machines in the last thirteen weeks. He is described as a "courageous and tenacious fighter."

Flight Lieutenant J. I. Kilmarlin has downed 12 machines, and his dash and determination, with clear thinking, combine to make him a magnificent leader. Acting Flight Lieutenant P. S. Turner, another Canadian, has shot down ten machines. On September 15, one of the three victorious days referred to by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a message of congratulation to the Fighter Command, he brought down a Nazi machine, and was then hit by cannon shell. For a few seconds it looked as though his machine were helpless and out of control, but by clever handling he regained control, and even destroyed a second plane before he brought his own damaged machine safely back to his base.

Flying Officer T. A. F. Elsdon, from Scotland, has a bag of six to his credit. On September 4, when leading his squadron, his method of attack was successful in destroying nine aircraft and probably three more.

Pilot Officer J. R. B. Meaker, who comes from Ireland, although only 21, has shown himself to be "resolute in attack, with a calm, determined temperament." He has shot down at least five aircraft. Pilot Officer T. F. Neill has destroyed six and Pilot Officer N. K. Stansfield, a Canadian, has brought down seven.

One of the best photographers of the Royal Air Force has just been awarded a bar to his D.F.C. He is Flying Officer Alistair Lennox Taylor. One recent reconnaissance over Kiel, the announcement states, was considered the most valuable for the Navy during the war. Another time he took off in dense fog and secured valuable photographs of the Dortmund-Ems Aqueduct, the most vulnerable point of Germany's busiest industrial waterway. From other exceptionally successful reconnaissances he brought back photographs of Cap Gris Nez and Flushing. He has completed 60 of these photographic missions.

Described as a particularly brilliant tactician, Flight Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar has been awarded the bar to his D.F.C. During the defence of London he shot down eight planes in eight days, and led his squadron with fighting spirit and resource.

To conclude, here is a simple story which is typical of the courage of civilians of the British Isles. In their everyday life now they are likely to run into danger, but they are always ready to meet it with a stout heart.

William Joseph Jenkins is a Swansea air raid messenger. A raid was at its height. An urgent message had to be taken from Manselton to the control room, a distance of some three miles. Jenkins mounted his motor cycle and set off on the journey, avoiding wreckage and burst gas mains. Falling bricks knocked him from his machine, but dazed and bruised he remounted. He had not gone far before a bomb knocked him unconscious. Helpers came and he recovered, and insisted on continuing with his urgent message. He had another half mile to go. The tyres of his machine were flat, ripped open by bomb splinters, but he rode on. He was blown off yet again, but still he remounted, and delivered his message.

Jenkins has been awarded the George Medal recently instituted by the King.

# They Go On Fishing

I can't mention the names of the trawlers or the skippers concerned; but at about midday the first put his trawl down about 15 miles off the coast, which wasn't in sight. There was a slight easterly breeze and something of a haze, though no sea to speak of, when, at half-past twelve, two enemy aircraft were seen to the south-eastward and approaching fast. They dived down, and spent the next hour-and-a-quarter circling round and attacking at close range.

They started by dropping several bombs, which fell sufficiently close to send their splinters raining on board, to do much damage. Meanwhile, the third hand had got busy with his

By "Taffrail"

Lewis gun, plastering the first Heinkel at close range and apparently damaging her, for after a time she flew off out of sight.

But before this both aircraft flew round and round in circles spraying the trawler with machine-gun bullets. It was two against one, and the trawler, with her crew of nine, was a very easy target, particularly as her trawl was down and she couldn't weigh it. As her skipper said, she could only hope for the best and steam round and round in circles.

Well, that little ship—she was a ship of 159 tons, forty-one years old—was fairly riddled with bullets and bomb splinters. Her funnel, mast, ventilators, superstructure, wheelhouse, sides and deck were punctured again and again. The compass and telegraph were damaged; the shrouds, rigging, wireless aerial—practically every rope—cut or stranded. One bullet went in through the open door of the galley and punctured the oven door after wounding the cook. The hand manning the Lewis gun was also wounded, as was the skipper who told me the story. A bullet which had first hit something else struck him in the back of his head. "I felt something hot," he said, "and put up my hand and found this in the neck of my jersey," showing me a splayed out copper bullet with the usual steel core. He showed me the scar, too. Another bullet went through his jersey, and there were more fragments of metal in his head and one shoulder. "I can feel 'em pricking," he explained. "My old woman picks out two or three new bits every morning."

The other story's about a 33-year old trawler which was also intermittently attacked for one-and-a-half hours when engaged in fishing. She didn't carry a machine-gun; but her skipper fired his rifle every time the aeroplane came near. The aircraft dropped several bombs, which missed, and then used her machine-guns. The ship was hit again and again and damaged; but there were no casualties, as the men had taken cover—all except the skipper, who bobbed up every now and then to fire his rifle.

Then he had the idea of firing ordinary rockets, pointing them in the aeroplane's direction. He fired eight in all, and the aircraft, mistaking them for something lethal, kept at a respectable height. "But I expect we'd have been done in," the skipper told me, "if the fog hadn't come down and saved us. We chopped our gear away and steamed full speed towards the shore, where the aeroplane mightn't have followed even if the fog had lifted."

What amazed me was the calm sort of way these men accepted the situation. They were neither of them young. Both had wives and families. Their general attitude, like that of the men of the Merchant Navy, was that they weren't going to be prevented from going to sea and earning their livings by any pestilential Germans. Come what might, they'd carry on, and be damned to the Huns.

They were phlegmatic, stolid men, these two skippers; hard-bitten seamen inured to foul weather and a hard life. It didn't seem to occur to them that they were doing anything particularly daring or praiseworthy in adding to the nation's food supply of fresh fish, though in these days their job is just as tough as that of the thousands of others from the fishing fleets who are serving in the minesweepers and patrol craft.





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# NAZI PLANS TO INVADE THE AMERICAS

RECENT WARNINGS by officials in the United States of Axis plans to use force of arms, as well as economic penetration and propaganda, for a conquest of this hemisphere were believed by competent American observers in Mexico City to be substantiated in a Nazi "war calendar," which has just reached Mexico City secretly from Spain.

Not only did this seemingly authentic document, from which extracts are known to have been transmitted to Washington, describe in detail direct action and steps allegedly planned by the totalitarian powers to achieve invasion of the Americas in the next nine months, but it was also said to reveal that Soviet Russia is preparing to attack the United States by way of Alaska, coincident with Nazi and Japanese attacks on Mexico, Central America and South America.

The "war calendar" was brought to Mexico by agents of the Spanish Falange, a Fascist organisation which is directing the Axis propaganda drive against democratic institutions in Latin America. Although several points mentioned in it already have been achieved with startling time accuracy, its general schedule appeared so fantastic that this correspondent hesitated to write about it until after talks with naval and military officials and diplomats here, who took it seriously.

According to the alleged plan the first step toward the Soviet Union's invasion of the North American continent would be a Red-Nipponese pact to liquidate the "China problem" before summer, Russia and Japan jointly taking over the Chinese Republic. Timing the next move so as to cause the greatest possible consternation in the United States, Russia, which virtually dominates the entire Bering Strait, with a stronghold at East Cape, would sweep across fifty-six miles open water with warships and "planes to strike at Alaska," it was said.

### Aims of Russian Thrust

The Russian "invasion" would have two main objectives, it was said. Once on American soil the Russians would stir up revolutionary activity in Canada and the United States, ultimately halting aid to Great Britain.

At the same time, the presence of the Russians in Alaska would divert part of the United States Navy, while Japan attacked Mexico. Previously, internal disorders in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chile would have been fomented.

At the height of the agitation, according to the plan, the Axis powers would lend direct military aid to Latin-American revolutionaries. For example, it was said, German warplanes, based at Dakar, in French West Africa, would spread destruction in Brazil, just four hours' flying distance across the south Atlantic, and German and Italian warships would also aid in the attack.

## PEDDER ST. SNATCHING

For stealing a fountain pen from Mr. A. Gillard, of the Hong Kong Tramway Company, 18-year-old Chan Ming was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Gillard was walking in Pedder Street, near the Hong Kong Hotel, at about 2 p.m. yesterday, when defendant, observed by a Chinese pedestrian, took the fountain pen from his pocket. Defendant was arrested in Des Voeux Road Central.

Defendant had a previous conviction for a similar offence. Sgt. Brown prosecuted.

## CLOTHING CLUE IN JUNK CASE

A robbery which occurred almost a year ago caused the appearance of Lau Yin before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. J. Reynolds prosecuted. The jury was composed of Messrs. Ng Man (foreman), Li Man-kwai, Chau Yat-wah, Kurt Wilkins, Ming Sin-kwei, R. Morrison and W. G. Maycock.

Mr. Reynolds said that at about 6 a.m. on March 2 last year, Li Yau, master of a junk, set sail from Shauiwan with a crew of four for the Nine Pins. Three hours later about 600 yards east of the Nine Pins, shots were fired by the occupants of an approaching junk. Men on board this junk went on Li's boat. One was armed with a revolver, alleged to be defendant, the others were armed with knives.

Various sums of money and articles of clothing were taken away.

On January 7 this year, Li Yau was in a tea house in Main Street, Shauiwan, when he saw a man who he alleged took part in the robbery. He reported to the police and accused was arrested. On the way to the Police station, defendant was recognised by Li Yau's three foks.

Defendant's trousers and jackets were too large for him. Li Yau recognised the clothing as his.

When charged defendant said that he did not take part in the robbery. He said he bought the clothing from a second hand dealer. He alleged he had had a fight with someone and had been falsely accused. Accused did not mention with whom he had the fight, but apparently referred to Li. Defendant also stated that he had been struck by the police to admit the charge.

The case is proceeding.

## CHURCH GUEST HOUSE ROBBERY

The Rev. A. P. Rose, residing at the Church Guest House, Lower Albert Road, has reported the theft of clothing to the value of \$85 during Tuesday night.

bra Theatre, accused, using a piece of wood, struck complainant over the head.

Chin Yuen collapsed and had to be removed to Kowloon Hospital, where he stayed for four days. Accused was arrested in Woosung Street.

The prosecution alleged that accused struck Chin Yuen because he dismissed accused's brother some time ago at Stanley Barracks.

## HUGE U.S. DEFENCE OUTLAY

An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy, is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa.

THE NAVY SHARE OF THIS EXPENDITURE — \$838,000,000 — ALSO COVERS THE INITIAL COST OF CONSTRUCTING 400 SUBMARINE CHASERS AND OTHER SMALL CRAFT AND WILL ENABLE THE DELIVERY BY THE END OF 1943 OF 55 MORE DESTROYERS THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

Bulk of the Army's \$695,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonments and other housing projects. — Reuter.

## SUDDEN ATTACK IN STREET

Pleading guilty to assaulting Chin Yuen, 27, mess caterer of Stanley Military Barracks, in Kiangsu Street on February 22, Wong Kueng, 29, travelling trader, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope said that at 9 p.m. on February 22, while complainant was purchasing chestnuts with his wife outside the Alham-

## CREW DIES IN S.O.S. MYSTERY

A RESCUE PARTY that answered an SOS and boarded the steamer Ourang Medan, off the Solomon Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, found bodies of sailors lying about the deck.

"We could find no sign of a wound on any of them," said an officer of the rescue party. "Death seemed to have taken them by surprise at their posts... it was terrifying."

"On the captain's bridge we found the body of the second officer. We counted twelve bodies three of them of deck officers."

"We decided to search the captain's quarters, but at that moment we heard an explosion in the ship."

"We abandoned the ship immediately and rowed back to our own. The explosions were re-

peated. Soon nothing was left of the Ourang Medan but a blazing hulk.

"The next day the fire burned itself out and the steamer went under, taking her secret with her."

The Ourang Medan had sent out an SOS and the message "Send doctor—urgent."

The steamer was told that help was coming, but immediately the request for a doctor was cancelled. "Send a warship," was the next request.

A ship of the British Merchant Marine was first to arrive on the scene.—Associated Press.



# GERMAN INVASION OF BULGARIA REPORTED

## Vanguard Of 12,000 Mentioned: No Confirmation

A MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK FROM BELGRADE LAST NIGHT STATED THAT 12,000 GERMAN MOTORISED TROOPS INVADED BULGARIA ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

## FRENCH UNDER JAP PRESSURE

The French Government is still hesitating to make its attitude clear on the Japanese compromise proposal for settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute, stated Japanese observers in Tokyo last night.

It was added that the Japanese Government is not only keeping a close eye on any interference by third powers but is determined, pending a French reply, to take appropriate steps for the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia.

While official circles declined to say whether the compromise was a final or a tentative offer, the observers stated they believed it was final. THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED WITH THE STRICT UNDERSTANDING THAT BOTH THAILAND AND FRANCE WOULD MAKE THEIR REPLIES BEFORE SATURDAY. — REUTER.

A report from Sofia said the troops crossed the Danube in the region near Chernavoda.

There is no authoritative confirmation yet although all information indicates that German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are far advanced.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the Commons yesterday when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

### Bulgaria Warned?

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed that unless they were prepared to defend their independence by force they would be regarded as a hostile country and their communications would be bombed.

"Yes," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, when asked whether the British Government were completely satisfied with the way their Turkish allies were carrying out their agreement.

### Fully Informed

Mr. Butler added the British Government had been kept fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the Turco-Bulgarian agreement.

He drew attention to the pre-

amble to the agreement, which states that the agreement is without prejudice to the two countries' contractual agreement with other parties. — Reuter.

### FIRST BLACK-OUT FINES

For failing to properly obscure torches and for striking matches in the open, fines ranging from \$5 to \$10 were imposed on 18 Chinese at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

### LOCAL PROBATE

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Andrew Henry Brown, Master Mariner, have been granted to Mr. Lancelot Rugles Andrewes. The late Captain Brown died at the Matilda Hospital on September 15 and left local estate valued at \$1,100.

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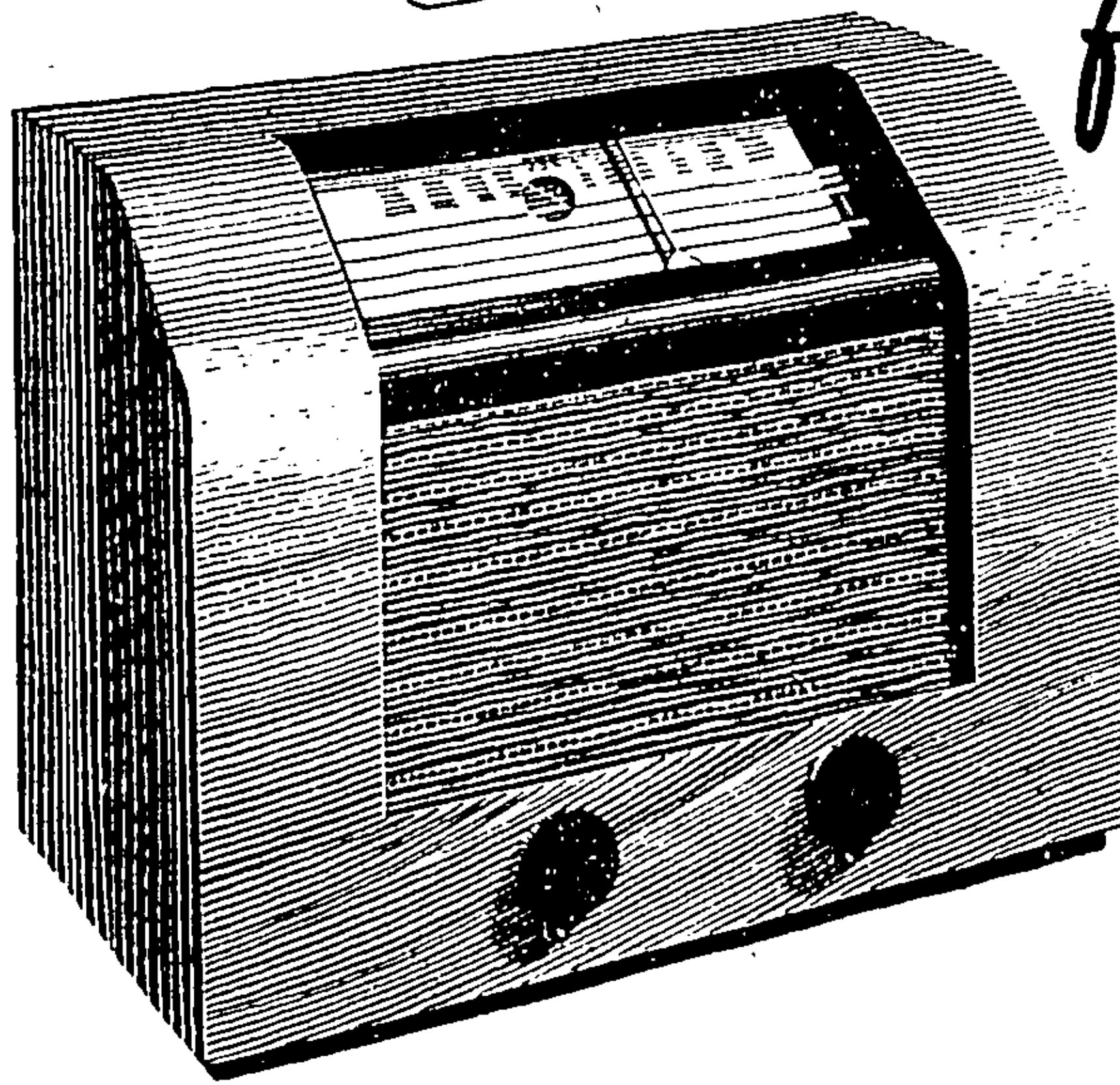
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## MR. EDEN'S TALKS IN TURKEY

THE CALLS WHICH Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill paid yesterday afternoon in Ankara were mainly for the purpose of making contacts.

The statesmen and generals will begin the real business to-day when they review the position of the Balkans and the Mediterranean as it affects Britain and Turkey.

## MIXED FEELINGS

THE REPORT THAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE WARNED JAPAN AGAINST FURTHER SOUTHWARD EXPANSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN CHUNGKING WITH MIXED FEELINGS.

While some quarters regard the move as a strong warning to Japan and attach great importance to the fact that parallel action has been taken by Britain and the United States, the influential daily "Ta Kung Pao" expresses the fear that Britain and America lack the determination to check Japan. — Reuter.

The close contact which the British Ambassador has maintained with Dr. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, the recent visit of a British military mission and their discussions with the Turkish General Staff, had prepared the ground.

"Mr. Eden will not so much initiate talks as carry on the discussions which have been proceeding for some time.

The visit of the British Foreign Secretary and the Chief of Imperial General Staff is causing considerable concern among the German colony in Ankara.

The Germans are declaring that Britain is attempting to put pressure on the Turks but this assertion is denied in the Turkish press. — Reuter.



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## HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 29th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

## BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Election of Officers and Committee

Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,  
Hon. Secretary.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

## Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March 1941:

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

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### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

### THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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|             |                             |                                                                   |                                |                     |             | \$2,367     |

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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1941.

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### TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941

Entries close on SATURDAY, 1st March, 1941, at 6 p.m.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—

## THIRD DAY—

Monday, 24th February.

## FOURTH DAY—

Tuesday, 25th February.

## FIFTH DAY—

Saturday, 1st March.

On Monday, 24th and Tuesday, 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

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### OVERCOMING THE BREAKS

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South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

North-South part score 60

♠ A Q 5  
 ♥ A Q 8 7 4 3  
 ♦ 10 6  
 ♣ Q J  
 ♠ 8 7 4  
 ♥ 10 5  
 ♦ J 8 7 3  
 ♣ K 7 4 3  
 ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ K 9 6 2  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ A 10 9 6  
 5 2  
 ♠ K J 10 9 3  
 ♥ J  
 ♦ A K Q 5 4 2  
 ♣ 8

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♦    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass |
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♠    | Pass |
| 3♠    | Pass | 6♠    | Pass |

West opened the ten of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then led a trump to his own Jack and laid down the diamond Ace. Next a trump was led to dummy's Ace, and a low heart was ruffed by South. This series of apparently aimless plays was followed by the King of diamonds; and now the method in South's madness became clear. East could not follow suit, but he also couldn't ruff, so South was able to ruff a low diamond with dummy's Queen of trumps. He then ruffed a heart, drew the last trump, and ran the diamonds, making his Slam contract.

Declarer's reason for leaving one trump out should be clear because of what actually happened. There was no danger in leading a second round of diamonds if that suit were going to split 3-2; and if it were going to split 4-1 (as was actually the case) the only hope was that the long diamond hand also held the last trump. South's other plays were equally sound. It was safe to cash one diamond after drawing only one round of trumps, for if the diamonds split 5-0, the contract was practically impossible. And the heart ruff at the fifth trick was planned to take advantage of a possible drop of the heart King (or a possible mistake by East). That would allow South to lead a trump to the Queen and get rid of the club on the heart Queen.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 9 7 3  
 ♥ A J 9  
 ♦ Q 8 7  
 ♣ A Q

What did you bid as dealer?

ANSWER: Bid one spade. Despite the general strength of the hand, there is no point in bidding one no-trump and thus suppressing a strong five-card major suit. Score 100% for one spade, 40% for one no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

## Question No. 650

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

| You | Jacoby | Schenken | Miles |
|-----|--------|----------|-------|
| 1♠  | Pass   | 2♦       | Pass  |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## INDIAN DEPORTEE

### "FADES OUT"

The Police are endeavouring to locate an Indian deportee from America who arrived in the Colony in the s.s. President Coolidge on January 14.

The man, Sohan Singh, 34, was on his way to India and was temporarily put up at the Sikh Temple in Wanchai Gap Road pending the departure of a ship to India.

He left the Temple on Monday and has not been seen since.

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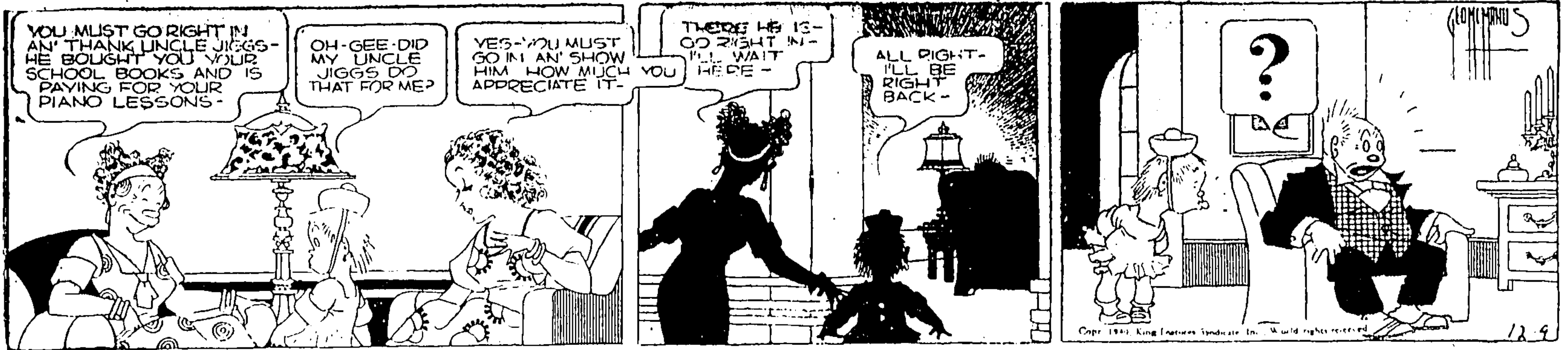
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## Bringing Up Father



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Slim Thighs For Summer Beauty

This is the month to begin your figure refashioning programme if you want to look swell in early summer clothes and later, ravishing in a bathing suit! One cannot expect to whittle down inches in a week or two—it requires diligent daily exercising and a stern will regarding one's food.

While heavy thighs can often be disguised with clothes chosen to minimise them, a bathing suit inevitably reveals their true measurements! So begin now to work off that "thigh-bulge" which is so unlovely.

These exercises will, if practiced daily without fail, reduce your thighs and will give your body greater flexibility.

### On The Mat You Get!

**BACK LYING, ALTERNATE LEG CIRCLING.** Lie on your back, arms at sides. Raise right leg and circle it out to the right several times, in a wide circle. Bring it back to original position and raise left leg. Circle it out toward the left in a wide circle several times. Alternate legs in this fashion five times each. Rest and repeat, or do another exercise and then repeat this one.

**STANDING, ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING:** Stand erect grasping the back of a straight chair.



Holding onto the sides of her exercising mat, this young lady is practising the **ALTERNATE LEG SWINGING EXERCISE**, described in to-day's column. She desires slim hips for a new tailor!

Keeping knees straight swing right leg back and forward as a clock pendulum swings. You will find that you twist toward the right at your waist. Swing your leg as high as possible in each direction. Rest for a moment. Then twist toward the left and swing the left leg in the same manner. Five times for each leg, and then

lie flat on the floor on your back and rest a moment or two before beginning the next exercise.

**THE FAMOUS SCISSORS.** Lie on your side on your exercising mat. (If you have no mat use a mattress on the floor or hang on to a heavy bit of furniture as you swing your legs). Your head should be resting on your left arm. Your left hand should grasp the top of the mattress or a piece of heavy furniture. Then raise both legs in the air and scissor them backward and forward as rapidly in rhythm as you can. Keep them in the air until you feel strained, then rest them on the floor, turn over on your other side and repeat exercise.

This scissor movement is one of the best for thigh reducing and leg refashioning. It is difficult to do if you are not limber, so take it easy at first.

around your shoulder blade area. This one exercise may be done while you sit at your desk or table without attracting too much comment!

The three following movements are the fifth of the series presented through the courtesy of the American Woman's Association:

**ARM CIRCLING:** Sits on edge of straight chair. Raise arms to shoulder level, hands at chest, palms down as if ready to do the breast stroke in swimming. Make a small circle with arms, forward, up and back. 5 to 10 times; rest and repeat.

**ARM SWINGING AND ARM BENDING:** Stand erect with feet slightly apart, arms hanging with hands crossed in front of body. This exercise is done to 4 counts. Count 1—fling arms up and back. Count 2—bring arms down to first position. Count 3—raise arms to bent bent position at chest. Count 4—lower arms to original crossed position. Repeat slowly until you get rhythm then do rapidly 15 or 20 times.

**PRONE LYING, HEAD AND SHOULDER RAISING:** Lie face downward, hands clasped behind back. Raise head and shoulders off floor pulling hands toward heels, keeping head straight, chin in. Relax and repeat 15 to 20 times.

## Dowager's Hump

When someone called that pad of flesh which forms at the base of the neck, if one's posture is poor, a dowager's hump, it was rightly named. For nothing can age a woman's appearance so much as that—it adds ten years to any woman's age.

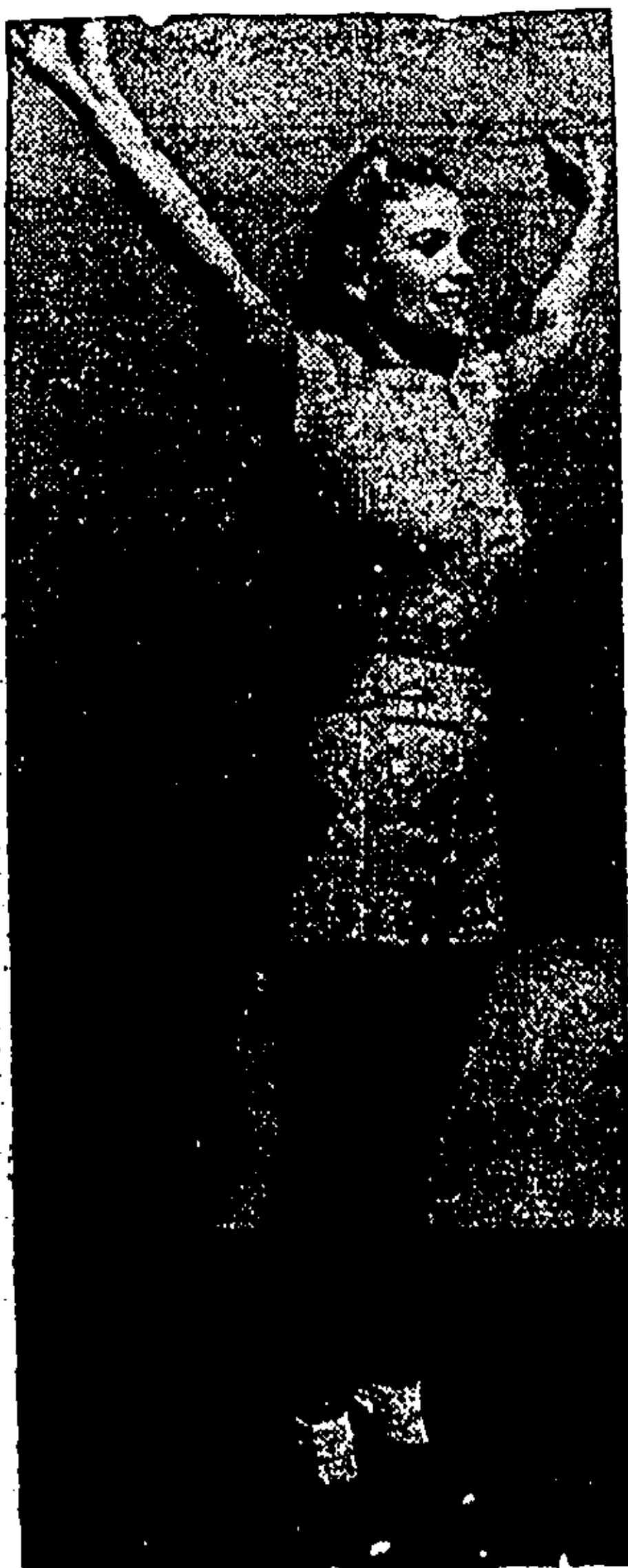
A dowager's hump comes primarily from poor posture. Very young girls acquire one if they slump when they walk and sit. It doesn't take long for a roll of flesh to form high on the shoulders, but it takes ages for it to be massaged away or exercised away!

The business woman is very likely to acquire a dowager's hump unwittingly, by sitting long hours over a desk or typewriter in a cramped position. To prevent it from forming one should get up several times a day and go through a few simple corrective movements to relieve the tenseness around the neck and shoulders. If you work in an office or factory, you could practice these movements in the ladies room or during your lunch hour. Housewives should practice them about the middle of the morning.

### These Correct Poor Posture

Try this simple movement right now. Drop your paper, sit erectly in your chair, draw in your abdomen which automatically raises your chest. Now place your hands on your shoulder bones and raise elbows to shoulder level. Stretch neck upward and push head back so it is even with spine (not bent forward). Holding this position, force your elbows back as far as possible and then forward in a

circular movement—keeping your hands on shoulder bones. You should feel a great release of tension at the base of neck and



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# Modus Vivendi On Dispute Over The Tangier Zone

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone. This declaration was made in the Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr. Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government.

Arrangements now concluded safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the international administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied to Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

## Legal Rights

Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr. Butler intimated they had also agreed that if at any time the mixed tribunal should cease to function, the consular courts would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr. Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

## Positions Reserved

The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under treaties in force.

The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position. — Reuter.

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## ADVICE TO BUS PASSENGERS

The general public have been advised by the Kowloon Traffic Department to keep to the pavements when waiting for buses and not to wait in the roads.

Action will be taken against bus drivers who fail to pull in close to the pavements to pick up passengers.

## CUT IN COTTON SUPPLIES

A WARNING OF COMING SACRIFICES AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION BY HALF OF RAW COTTON IMPORTS THIS SEASON, WAS CONTAINED IN A STATEMENT BY THE COTTON CONTROLLER, SIR PERCY ASHLEY, IN MANCHESTER YESTERDAY.

Sir Percy said: "Fortunately stocks have been maintained but a substantial cut in the use of cotton is unavoidable. Main concern now is to ensure that supplies are closely adjusted to the requirements industry is called on to meet in the demands of the Services and other essential demands and the export trade."

The distribution of limited supplies of raw cotton to spinning mills and the allocation of supplies for Government requirements, the export trade and other purposes are the chief problems now facing the industry, Sir Percy added, and discussion is already taking place with trade representatives. An early decision is expected. — Reuter.

## BLACK-OUT CRASH

Traffic standards in Nathan Road, near the Alhambra Theatre, Jordan Road and Austin Road, were knocked down by vehicles during the "black-out" last night.

## CONCERT FOR THE BOMBER FUND

A very interesting programme has been arranged for the Band Concert, in aid of the S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund, to be held in the Peninsula Hotel Lounge at 9 p.m. on Sunday, under the direction of Geo. Pio-Ulski and Art Carneiro.

The main feature of the programme is a two-piano solo by Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

Following is the programme:—

1. The Barber of Seville—Over-

ture ..... Rossini.

This work originally was titled "Almaviva or The Useless Precaution". It is one of the outstanding masterpieces of all opera buffa of the 19th Century and is certainly the best of Rossini's works.

2. Minuet ..... Bizet.

A graceful movement from the "D'Arlesienne" Suite No. 1.

3. The Willow Plate ..... Herbert.

Incidental music on Tony Sarg's Chinese play consisting of five short numbers:— No. 1: "The Mandarin's Garden"; No. 2: "The Little Garden House"; No. 3: "Chang The Lover"; No. 4: "Kong Shee"; No. 5: "A Wedding Procession".

4. Valse des Fleurs ..... Tschalkowsky.

The most popular number from the "Nutcracker" Ballet Music.

5. Rigoletto—Selection ..... Verdi.

Rigoletto was first produced in Venice in March 1851 and met with great success. One of Verdi's earliest operas, (30 in all), it still holds its place among the most popular operas of to-day.

INTERVAL

6. Solo—Two Pianos ..... Lila and George Pio-Ulski.

(a) Valse ..... Arensky. (The finest example of melodious inter-changing achieved by Arensky for his many two piano solos).

(b) Paraphrase ..... Schutt. (The famous transcription of Chopin's Waltz No. 7).

7. The Maid of the Mountains—Selection ..... Fraser-Simson.

The best known operetta of this English Composer.

8. 2nd Hungarian Rhapsody ..... Liszt.

Of Liszt's fifteen Rhapsodies this is the most popular. The Rhapsody uses two principal Hungarian dance movements: The Lasso or slow movement and the Friska or fast movement.

9. Intermezzo ..... Mascagni.

The most familiar melody from "Cavalleria Rusticana".

10. The Gay Nineties—Waltz Medley ..... Arr. Geo. Pio-Ulski.

Selection of old favourites introducing: Daisy Bell, She Was An Early Bird, Two Lovely Black Eyes, Comrades, Little Annie Rooney, After The Ball, Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland, Maggie Murphy's Home, In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree, and Why Did I Leave My Little Back Room.

## LAUNCH ENTERS MINEFIELD

Chan Yuk Shing, coxswain of the steam launch "Kwong Ning," was fined \$15 by Commander J. Jolly, for allowing his launch to enter a prohibited area, the Tathong Channel Minefield, while the Port Closed signal was hoisted at Cape d'Aguilar.

Leung Kau, coxswain of the steam launch "Tang Tak" was fined \$7 for towing more than two junks at a time of over 500 piculs capacity through the Southern entrance to Yaumati Typhoon shelter.



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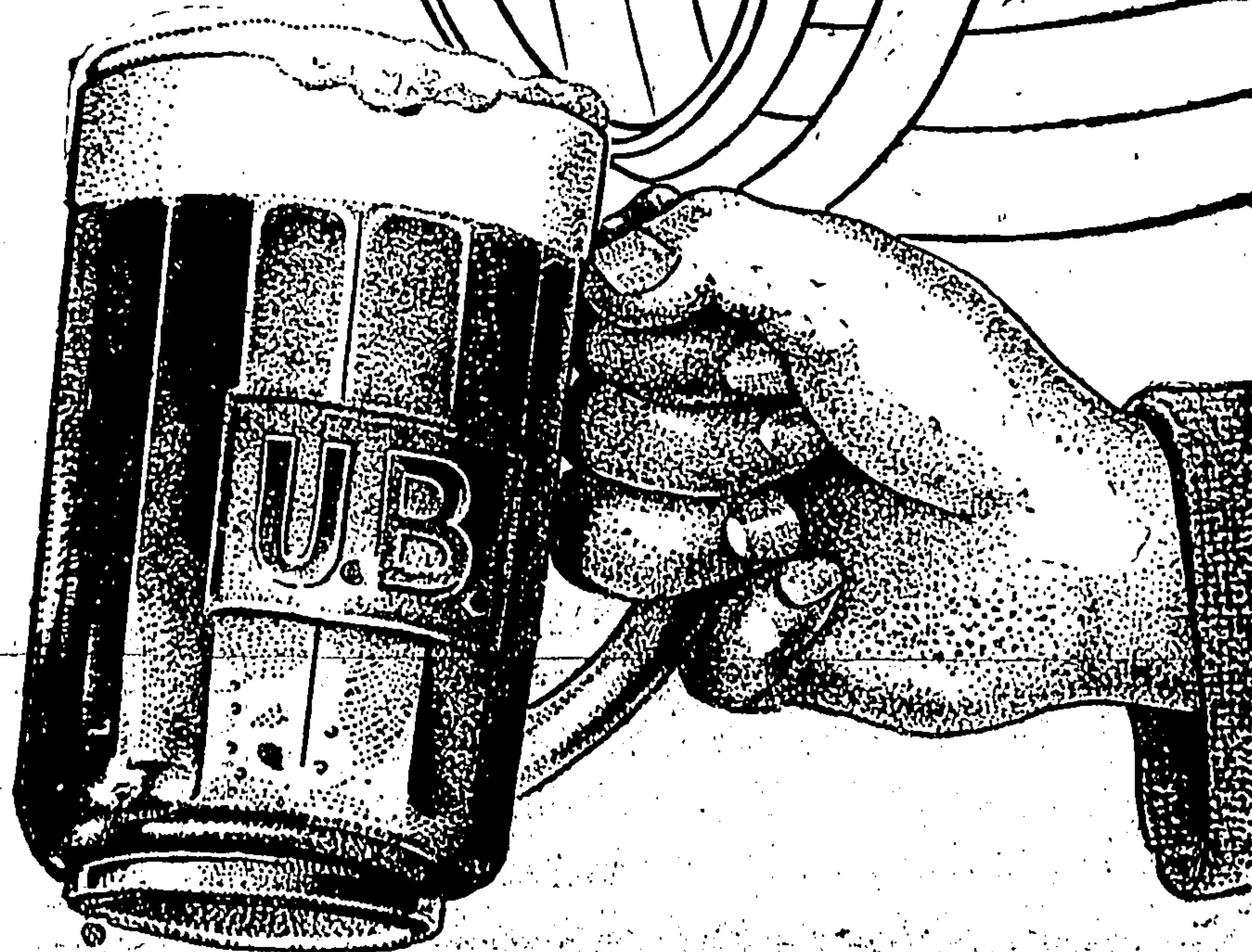
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CRICKET NOTES

# ATROCIOUS WEATHER MARS SATURDAY'S 'NEEDLE' MATCH

## "Zinho" Gosano Plays A Very Useful Knock

### Recreio Bowlers Off Their Length

By "Adrem"

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB ARE NOW ALMOST CERTAIN TO RETAIN THE SENIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE RESULT OF THEIR WIN OVER CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY.

This match was expected to produce a very high standard of cricket but, as it transpired, the weather was so bad that decent cricket was an impossibility and batsmen, bowlers and fielders all found the conditions difficult.

There was a stiff cross-wind blowing across the ground throughout and it was only when an old but heavy set of bails were discovered, that it was possible to prevent the frequent interruptions that had occurred previously owing to the bails being blown off by the wind.

The outfield was very slow but the wicket was greasy and the ball was coming off fairly quickly and, in the consistently bad light, batsmen at no time found matters altogether to their liking.

#### Broadbridge's Catch

Teddy Fincher, for the fourth time in as many League matches, won the toss and put Recreio in. At first it did not seem that this policy would pay as L. G. and J. M. Gosano were both batting confidently and did not appear to be in any trouble. When he had scored three, however, L. G. reached at one from Lloyd and was taken smartly in the slips by Reggie Broadbridge, who threw himself forward to hold the chance about an inch above the ground.

Joined by G. N. Gosano, J. M. continued to score freely, his most

effective stroke being a sort of hooked drive off his back-foot which travelled, usually in the air, in the direction of mid-wicket and mid-on.

Noticing this, Lloyd moved his mid-on wide and sure enough Zinho hit one straight at Mackay, who was fielding there, only for the fielder to drop a simple catch.

It was an expensive mistake for Zinho went on to score 75 and although he continued to hit the ball nothing else went to hand.

Zinho is a good bat with plenty of power in his shots but he will have to time his scoring shots better if he hopes to reach the top class. On occasion, also, he is apt to play his forward defensive strokes carelessly. What he needs, I think, is a little more experience.

No other Recreio batsman gave very much trouble, Lloyd bowling cleverly at one end and Francis Zimmern banging them down at the other, taking wickets regularly.

At 4.21, with only 128 on the board with nine wickets down, Eddie Gosano, rather surprisingly I thought, declared. He evidently thought that with the bowlers he had available and under the conditions, K.C.C. would find run-getting as difficult as his own batsmen had.

#### Hung's Breezy Knock

Unfortunately these theories did not work out as, except for a few overs from Silva, none of his bowlers were effective and Hung's breezy knock rather rattled them. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

### MACAULEY'S SPLENDID INNINGS

By "Adrem"

Two friendly cricket matches were played on Saturday, Diocesan Boys' School putting up a remarkably good show against Civil Service juniors, and Recreio being rather unfortunate in being unable to force a win against a Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" team.

At Homantin, D.B.S. were only four runs short of the C.S.C.C. total when stumps were drawn. The latter team lost their first wicket quickly but Colledge and Ainslie added 59 for the second wicket and paved the way to the total of 151 for 8 dec. which was eventually reached.

Veteran MacGowan hit out to good effect later, scoring 46 not out in which were included seven fours. Hulse and Macauley were the most successful School bowlers.

A fine innings by Macauley, who carried his bat for 91, was the outstanding feature of the D.B.S. innings. Batting confidently from the start Macauley hit 12 fours and was at the wickets for 80 minutes.

#### Noronha's Good Knock

A chanceless innings of 62 by A. E. Noronha was the outstanding performance in the Club "A" Recreio match at Chater Road.

Cricket Club, batting first, ran up 127 for 8 dec. G. J. P. Carey, A. K. Mackenzie, R. S. W. Paterson and J. L. Isley being the principal contributors, and then, thanks to Noronha's fine innings, Recreio were able to get to within nine runs of their opponents when time was called.

### UNIVERSITY AGAIN IN THE PICTURE

By "Adrem"

UNIVERSITY, WHO IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE CRICKET LEAGUE THIS SEASON HAVE CAUSED UPSET AFTER UPSET, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR YET ANOTHER ON SATURDAY WHEN THEY HAD THE BETTER OF A DRAW WITH CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB, WHO, HITHERTO, HAD NOT DROPPED A POINT IN THREE GAMES.

University were on top throughout and, following a disastrous start, it looked very much as if the Valley team were playing to save a point.

Batting first the undergraduates were given an excellent start by Kenneth Lo and Chelliah. Lo batted very nicely and did not give a chance, but Chelliah was a trifle lucky although he, too, took full advantage of any scoring opportunities.

After 73 runs had been added for the first wicket, something of a rot set in and it appeared that University had flattered only to deceive. R. S. Gill, however, saved the situation with an aggressive innings of 36 which enabled a declaration to be made at about 4.15 with the very respectable score of 167 on the board for the loss of nine wickets.

#### Omar Off Form

The Craigengower attack was not as impressive as usual, Esmael being the most dangerous. Omar, who usually carries the bowling, did not meet with as much success as usual although he was fairly steady.

Craigengower started badly and never fully recovered. Hung was caught by Chin'off Amplavanar

before a run had been scored and Lee, on whom Craigengower depend so much, foolishly ran himself out a few balls later. Thereafter, apart from Hamson, who batted soundly, taking no liberties with the good balls and waiting only for the loose ones, and a bright interlude during which Leonard hit three fours, Craigengower were definitely on the defensive and when stumps were drawn they had 92 runs with six wickets down.

Amplavanar returned the best figures of the University bowlers who performed, but generally speaking the attack was not impressive.

#### Police Fail Again

The Police team, which still tries hard in spite of many vicissitudes, all but stayed their long run of League failures on Saturday, when they had their game with Indian Recreation Club in the bag and then let the opportunity slip.

Stout-hearted bowling by Carey, who was well assisted by Dan-browsky, played a big part in dismissing I.R.C. for only 139, Razack, Wahab and Ali being the principal contributors, and thanks to useful innings by Clarke, Tyler and Shepherd, Police were on their way to their first League success when the inevitable collapse set in and the last five wickets managed to collect only 14 runs.

The closing stages were exciting and Police were only three runs short of their opponents' total when the last wicket fell.

Abbas was as usual the Indians' best bowler, finishing with 6 for 43.

### GOOD WIN FOR V.R.C.

Victoria Recreation Club registered their best result of the current League badminton season on Tuesday, when at King's Park, they beat Club de Recreio by the odd game in five in "B" Division.

Chiefly responsible for the swimming club's success were S. A. Rumjahn and D. M. Xavier, who played really well to win all three games. They were well supported by M. M. de V. Soares and A. Basto, who won two games, but G. Brown and A. A. Remedios were unable to get going and lost all their encounters.

Best Recreio pair were veterans A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira,

Hung took chances, although there was no hurry and this policy paid. Ozorio went off quickly and Eddie himself had a very brief spell as a damaged finger on his bowling hand appeared to be giving him trouble and he never looked dangerous.

Anderson and Lay were able to score freely and when the latter was eventually caught by Silva for a useful 30, the game was as good as won. Eddie Gosano produced a couple of good balls in the muck that had set in at a few minutes to six and clean-bowled Mackay and Zimmern with a couple of beauties, but this only had the effect of making Teddy Fincher shed his nice warm sweater as the runs were hit off almost immediately!

#### LEAGUE TABLES

##### SECTION "A"

|           | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| King's    | 6  | 1  | 5  | 39 | 10 | 10   |
| Chung Wah | 4  | 1  | 3  | 27 | 9  | 6    |
| Recreio   | 6  | 2  | 4  | 28 | 26 | 6    |
| V.R.C.    | 5  | 3  | 2  | 15 | 30 | 4    |
| J.R.C.    | 6  | 6  | 0  | 12 | 42 | 0    |

##### SECTION "B"

|              | P. | L. | W. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| K.C.C.       | 6  | 0  | 6  | 36 | 19 | 12   |
| St. John's   | 6  | 1  | 5  | 37 | 17 | 10   |
| St. Andrew's | 6  | 4  | 2  | 27 | 27 | 4    |
| Kowloon Tong | 6  | 4  | 2  | 24 | 30 | 4    |
| Police       | 6  | 6  | 0  | 11 | 43 | 0    |

who lost only one game.

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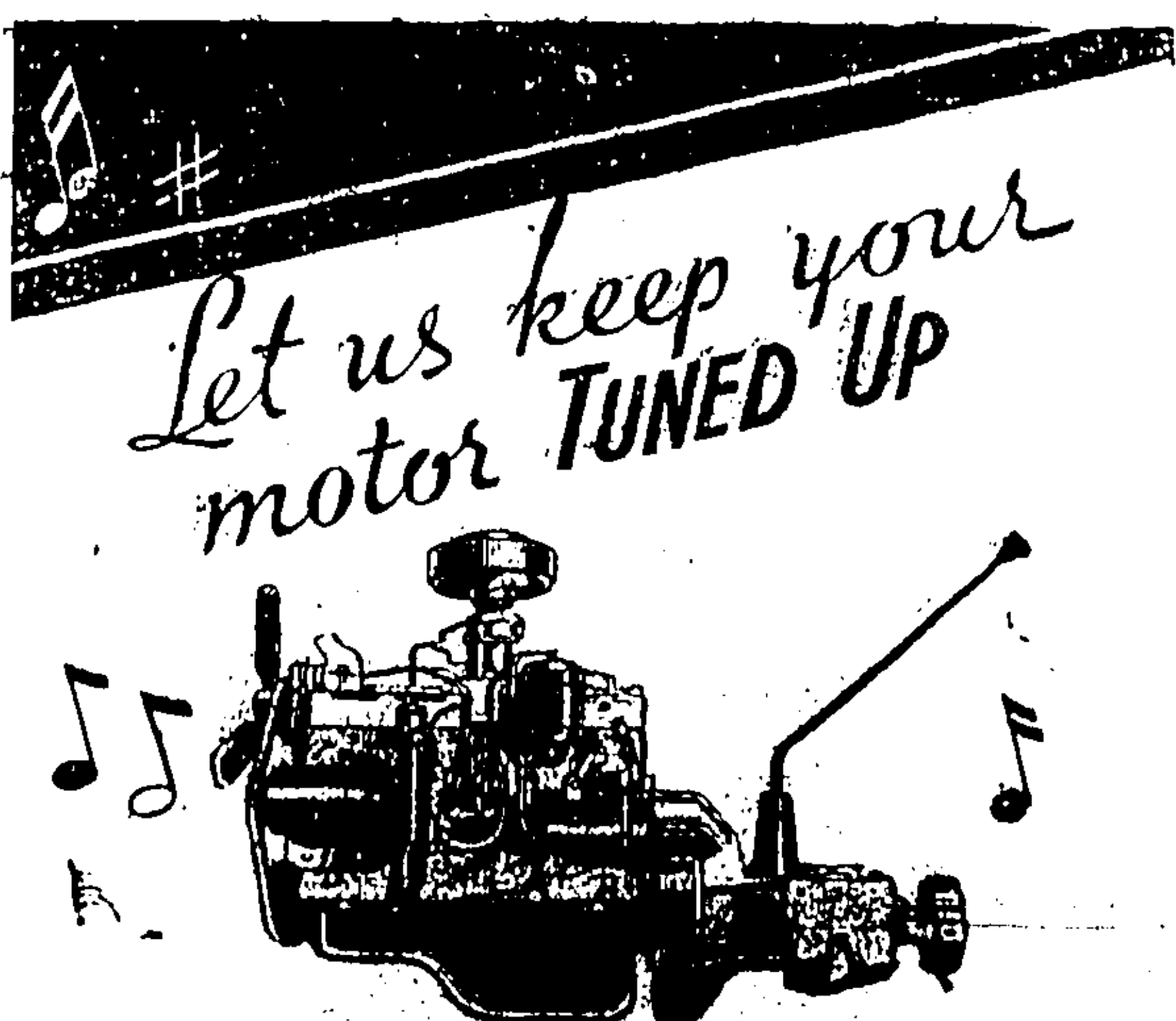
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# DROPPED GOAL BY HUTCHISON BEATS POLICE

By "Scrum-Half"

The only surprise in yesterday's Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament matches was the defeat of Police "A", winners in 1939 and runners-up last year, by Butterfield and Swire by 4 points to 3.

Police never settled down and their defeat, due to Hutchison's dropped goal, was not surprising in a game that was either side's up to the final whistle. F. J. & S. Macrae, Castleton and Godfrey Shone, while Police, who were without Taylor, were best served by Wright-Nooth, who gave them a try in the closing stages, and Dempsey, who failed to convert the try from a difficult angle.

Macrae failed to kick a goal from 40 yards with the wind behind him, and Hutchison made two attempts to drop goals.

The loss of Coombes proved too much for Combined Small Units "A" and, though Morgan played a really good game for them, they were beaten 6-0 by 8th Heavy "A" as the result of a try between the posts by Hook, who charged down an attempted punt ahead by Hamblin caught it and scored easily, only for Marsh to fail to convert, and a second try by Hook just on time.

Macdonald had only one chance and on that occasion he was grassed by Marsh, who, like Richards, was very seldom in the picture.

The gunners did not look a championship team and I think Tamar and Small Ships will prove too good for them.

## Sailors Look Good

Tamar and Small Ships "A" were badly handicapped by the loss of Honywill, who is injured, but once they had settled down they were clearly too good for Bank. In the first half Flynn threw away a certain try when he forgot to pass after having got to within five yards of the Bank line. Early in the second half Paul attempted a dropped goal, but the sailors did not open the scoring until Paul had handed off Day to score between the posts, only to miss the kick at goal. Late in the game Bowden made an amazing corkscrew run to score in the corner and Paul failed to convert. Navy thus winning 6-0.

For Navy Paul was outstanding, while Bowden, Carter and King also impressed. The Bank had the speed but they showed lack of combination — Carruthers barely touched the ball once in the game. Kennedy and Day were their best players.

Tamar and Small Ships "A", with Honywill back, look a good side to me, though their weakness at forward may allow Club "A" to carry the day.

Club "B" were a better side than Middlesex "B", who won 5-3, but neglect of Lavalle, who scored their only try, one that Stout should have converted cost them the game. Olsen, Stoker and Benn did well enough, but the outsiders were weak, Wilson appearing to limp before the game started and being a passenger from the first whistle.

# Dropped Catches At Recreio

By "Adrem"

Conditions were again pretty foul for cricket on Sunday but, even with their exposed ground, the wind at Recreio was not as bad as it was on most grounds on the previous day.

The match between Volunteers and Club de Recreio was a very enjoyable one although a high standard was rarely reached.

Recreio had first lease of the wicket and although they had a long tail to their batting, their acknowledged batsmen did so well that they were able to put together the very respectable total for the ground—of 181.

Zinho Gosano and Soares gave the side a good start, the latter batting better than he has done for a long time. For once in a while, he did not try to hit the

cover off the ball in the first over he received, but, playing the better balls carefully, his innings of only 18 was an attractive one.

## That Mashie Shot

Gosano again played his mashie shot over mid-on with great success and was again dropped by Mackay, this time the dolliest of catches to the same position as on the previous day. Fortunately for the fielder, however, the mistake was not on this occasion an expensive one as Gosano was given out l.b.w. after he had scored about four further runs.

M. D'Almada Remedios, who I believe is still in school, played a very fine innings of 31 and would appear to be worth watching as material almost ripe for First Division. He has a very nice defence and played his off shots with confidence. L. G. Gosano scored most of his 27 runs on the leg and Silva played a cheerful knock of 26.

## Partnerships Broken

Lloyd was the best Volunteer bowler, although special men-

tion must be made of Ride's two very useful overs, which brought a wicket in each to break dangerous partnerships.

The fielding on the whole was dreadful. In addition to Mackay's dropped catch, Ernie Zimmern, in the short time he was on the field—he arrived late—put down three that went to hand besides not seeing a couple of others that he might have got to had his eyes been in better condition. Lloyd missed one in the slips and a couple were dropped by Recreio sub-early on, chiefly, I think, because of the strong wind that made the flight of the ball extremely difficult to follow.

Volunteers started well enough although they lost Mackay to a catch behind the wickets early on. Fincher and Perry appeared to find little in the bowling to cause them any worry and later Ernie and Archie Zimmern both knocked up a few. The one man missing might have made all the difference between success and failure as when the ninth wicket fell their total was only five short of Recreio's and Baxter was still batting.



Freshwater, who scored the "diers" try and converted it, and Muggerside were prominent for Middlesex.

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## COLONY TENNIS REMINDER

It is notified that entries for the Colony tennis championships, under the auspices of Hong Kong Cricket Club, close on Saturday.

Intending competitors are asked to forward their entries without delay to the Cricket Club. Attention is further drawn to the fact that all surplus funds in connection with the tournament, after expenses have been deducted, will be donated to the "S.C.M.P. Bomber Fund."

# PLAYER'S PLEASE



ALSO IN PACKETS OF TENS

IT'S THE TOBACCO THAT COUNTS



# R.A.F. KEEPS UP ITS ATTACKS ACROSS CHANNEL

## DECOUX HOLDS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

It is officially reported in Hanoi that Admiral Decoux conferred at long length with high military and civil officials in Hanoi last evening.

It is believed that they discussed the measures to be taken in the event of no positive result being reached at the Tokyo mediation conference.

Reuter.

## THIRTEEN IN FRACAS

Thirteen Chinese were bound over by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning for behaving in a disorderly manner in Tai Cheong Street, Shaikwan, on January 30.

Inspector Russell, prosecuting, told the Court that the defendants were arrested while fighting.

Four persons were injured and admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital. Three had been discharged, but one was in a grave condition. Owing to this man's statement in which he said that defendant were his friends, a charge of assault was not preferred against them.

## Daylight Attack On Calais Docks

FOR THE SECOND DAY in succession R.A.F. bombers and fighters have taken part in an important offensive over the Channel and Northern France.

It is described in an Air Ministry communique issued last night, which says: "This afternoon a squadron of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Calais, while fighters carried out an offensive trip over the Channel and Northern France.

"There was considerable anti-aircraft gunfire but very few enemy aircraft were encountered. "At Calais hits were observed on the quayside and jetty of the tidal harbour. "One fighter aircraft is missing from this operation." - Reuter.

## Attempted German Raid Beaten Off

British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight yesterday and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

The alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft yesterday, mainly over coastal districts in Kent and East Anglia, said the Air Ministry last night.

The communique adds that damage caused was slight but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties. Reuter.

## HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY

Following handicaps for Saturday have been announced by Hong Kong Jockey Club.

**Happy Valley Spring Handicap (1 Mile):**—Avon, 137; Blue Diamond, 135; Conquering Time, Barred; English Cavalier, 152; Eve of Reason, Barred; Expansion Time, 135; For All Time, 152; Galaxy, 135; Hectic View, 149; Hillsboro' Bay, 150; Hopetful Star, 143; Hugher, 138; Humdrum Eve, 135; Jennifer, 140; Jobber, 135; Johnber, 157; Kentucky, 152; King Kong, 135; Lancashire Lass, 135; Lilliber, 143; Oonagh, 144; Possible, 159; Red Feather, 135; Resisting Time, 137; Rob Roy, 135; Robson, 144; Rose Emily, 135; Smashing Through, 135; and Thirty Six, 135.

**Talping Handicap (1 Mile):**—Advancing Time, 148; Attacking Time, 159; Blue Field, 142; Boolat Bay, 140; Celtic Star, 135; Emergency Unit, 137; Eve of Dancing, 159; Eve of Polly, 156; Galveston Bay, 140; Gladiator, Barred; Guinness Time, 135; Jane Doe, 148; Just In Time, 144; Lauraber, 152; Musketeer, 142; Ohio, 159; Omaha, 159; Patricia, 135; Pinfarthings, 148; Potentate, 156; Rose Evelyn, 140; Rose Fiana, 147; Rose Jane, 149; Rose-Queen, 135; Silver Wings, 140; Strathbannock, 137; Taxing Master, 139; and Xenophon, 159.

**Benarba Handicap (2 Miles):**—A Good Time, 135; Amabeila, 135; Catterick Bridge, Barred; Centre Court, 146; Cheerful Star, 151; Circe, 135; Cockleroi, 138; Colorado Star, 135; Double Finesse, 152; Grand Allegiance, 135; Longdon, Barred; Maple Star, 145; National Victory, 135; Powerful Kid, 135; Quick Despatch, 139; Ruby Star, 135; Sea Jay, 152; Sea Urchin, 135; Shuttlecock, 137; Snowy River, 146; Spring Shine, 135; Twilight Star, 135; Venus Bay, 159; Warrego River, 152; and Winnie, 135.

## HITLER'S TRIAL OF STRENGTH EXPECTED WITHIN 60 DAYS

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It is also predicted that a German offensive against Greece may be delayed, pending the result of the Spring campaign against Britain, for which German reports hint (war of nerves?) that Hitler has 700,000 British uniforms ordered for German paratroopers.

If Germany should fail, and there is no doubt in any responsible quarter anywhere in Britain that the offensive will fail, it is believed that Hitler will then move in the Balkans, as an excuse for failure, and the German people will be told that the invasion attempt was only a blind to cover up the real operations.—International News Service.

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## DODECANESE ISLAND OCCUPIED

A joint Admiralty and War Office communique announces that Castel Oritzo, a small Italian Dodecanese island with a seaplane base in the eastern Mediterranean, was occupied by our forces on Tuesday. — British Wireless.

## BERLIN SILENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Reports from Sofia state that 12,000 German troops have invaded Bulgaria from the Dobrudja district of Rumania. A effort to obtain confirmation by contacting Sofia on the telephone from Berlin failed.

It is stated that the German troops entered Bulgaria over one of the Danube River bridges in South Dobrudja.

A Belgrade despatch states that the troops entered Bulgaria from two places and that the crossing began at midnight.

It is believed that 120,000 other German troops will march on Bulgaria from several points through Rumania.

## Berlin Denies Knowledge

Berlin authoritative quarters disclaim all knowledge of the alleged reports that German troops have invaded Bulgaria from Rumania or that German staff officers in civilian clothes are in Bulgaria.

These quarters point out, however, that British agents have been arrested in Sofia and indicated that Britain intended to sabotage relations between Germany and Bulgaria.—International News Service.

ago and had never forgotten La Belle France.

"We will remain united in victory," he declared. — Reuter.

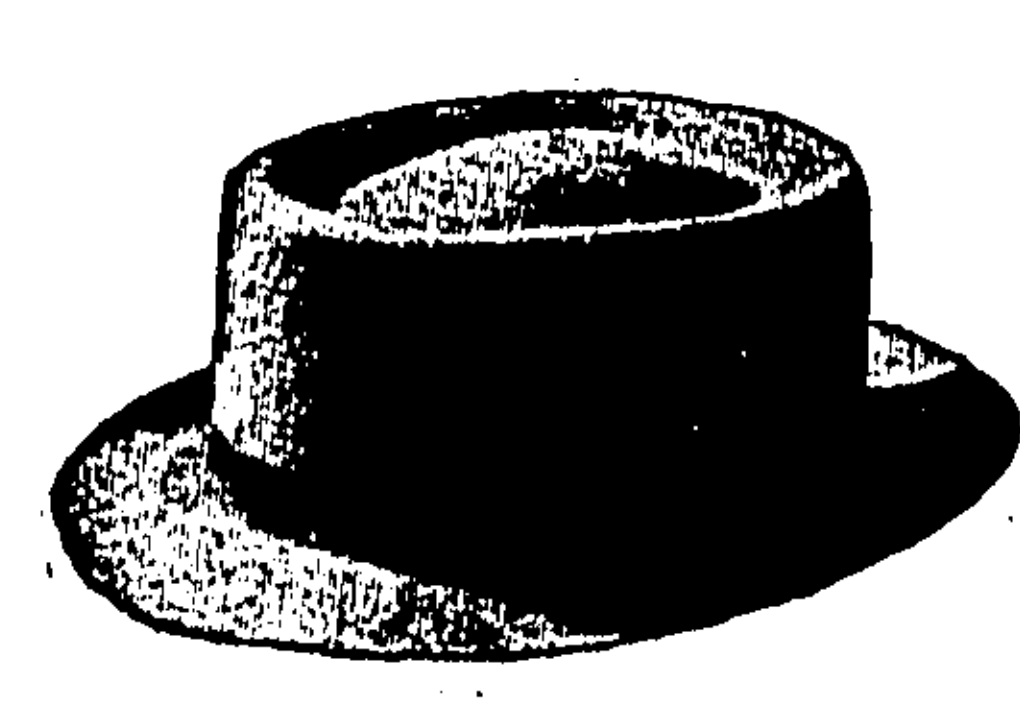
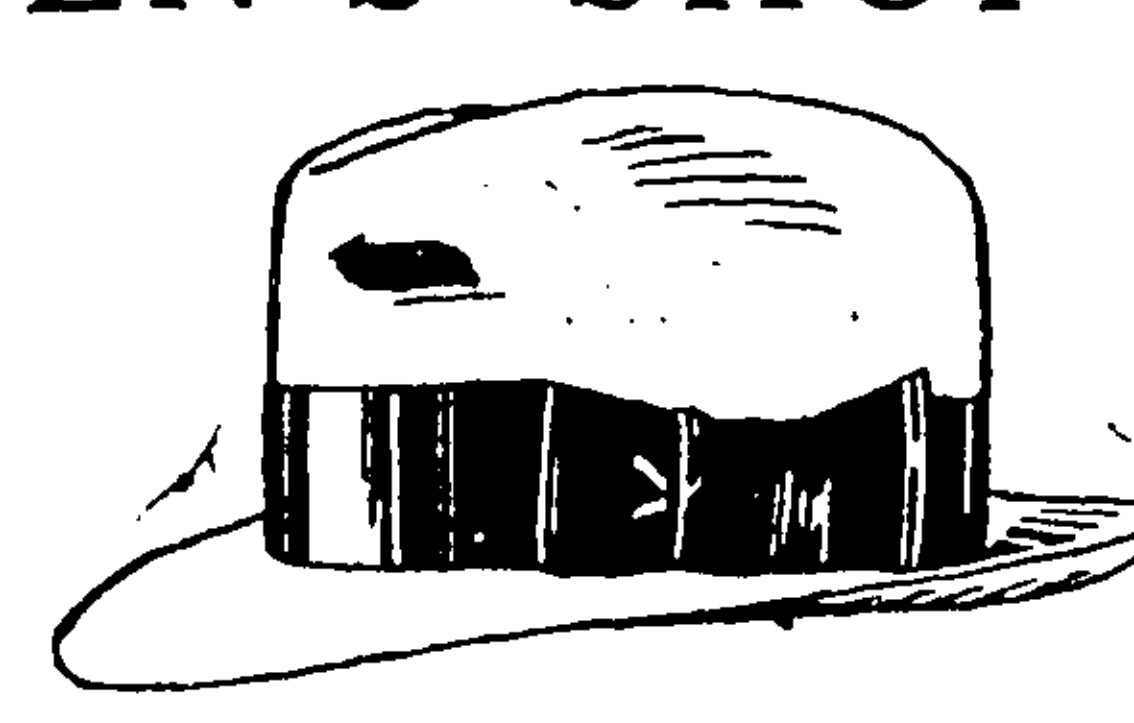
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## TURKEY TO FULFIL OBLIGATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Turkish Minister in Washington has, it is learned, informed the American Government that Turkey intends to fulfil her obligations to Britain and Greece.—International News Service.

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